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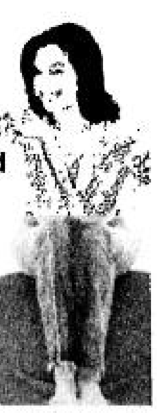

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US navymen may stay on

$4M worth of projects to be built in Basilan

By Dona Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio
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PDI Mindanao Bureau

THE ADDITIONAL 340 Americans taking part in the RP-US Balikatan 02-1 just arrived yesterday morning and already National Security Adviser Roilo Golez is saying they can stay on even after the military exercise ends in July.

Golez said in an interview that the US Navy engineers, or Seabees, could stay until the infrastructure projects they planned to undertake in Basilan had been completed. "If they are not yet finished by July, why not (allow them to stay on)? *Sayang naman.* They are bringing in good equipment."

The other day, Golez said the Seabees would try to complete their work within 60 days because the rainy season was expected to begin in June, making their work difficult.

Golez said the $4-million infrastructure projects planned would jumpstart Basilan's economy.

"Basilan will make a record economic broad jump with the arrival of the Seabees," Golez said.

Capt. Noel Detoyato, spokesperson of the Armed Forces' Southern Command, yesterday said the newly arrived US troops had set a 60-day period

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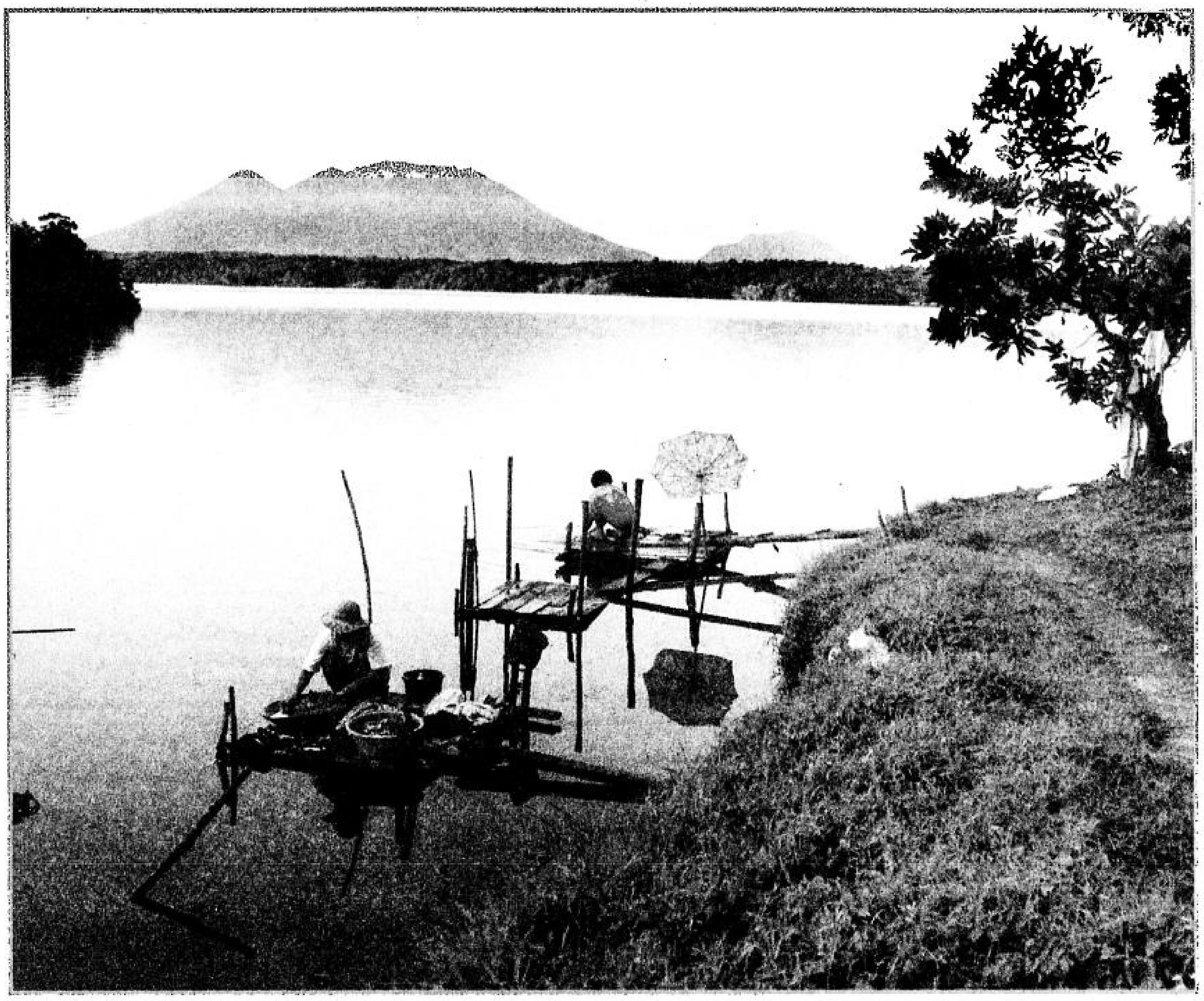

REMEMBER EARTH DAY TODAY

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The dawning of a smog-free day, when a show of trees and of mountains startles from across a clear, cleansing river, a pathway leads to God's own greenery, and grateful man becomes a most caring custodian of all the beauty that he surveys.

'THE HILLS ARE ALIVE'

Igorot nuns turn to organic farming for 'healing earth'

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ITOGON, Benguet—The nuns of this mining town know they are a bizarre version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Sound of Music."

At the crack of dawn each day, the sisters routinely take turns singing their morning praises to God, while they churn potent biological waste for their portable biogas facility built in their convent.

But the affable sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (SIHM) in Barangay Tuding here also know how that peculiar routine has changed them.

"It puts organic food on our tables, organic food for our community market, and an organic lifestyle that has made us spiritually fit to serve God in our twilight years," said Sr. Esbert Pugong, SIHM superior general, and an environmental advocate.

Members of the SIHM order, who call themselves "the Tuding Sisters" because of their Igorot heritage, have been the heart of an organic farming campaign, called the Bugan Ecological Movement.

The two-year-old campaign, launched with the Pangasinan-based Agtalon Geo Farms and the Baguio-based Shountoug Foundation, has helped develop the region's first organic market, which sells organically fertilized rice, sweet basil, oregano,

IGOROT/ A18

Photog's baby dies at roadblock

REUTERS

"DAMNED roadblocks," Palestinian AP's Nasser Ishtayeh blames Israeli military checkpoints for the death of his baby.

NABLUS, West Bank—A Palestinian photographer said Friday that his newborn daughter had died because delays at Israeli army checkpoints prevented him from getting her to a hospital in time to save her.

"I have lost my only baby—whom I called Dunya, Arabic for 'life'—because of these damned roadblocks," Nasser Ishtayeh, 32, who covers Nablus for The Associated Press, told reporters.

The army had no immediate comment on Ishtayeh's account.

Ishtayeh said he had tried to get the 5-day-old infant to a hospital in Nablus from the family home in the village of Salem, about 5 kilometers away.

"Dunya had breathing problems because she was born prematurely," he said. "She was in urgent need of oxygen, but we lost her after spending more than three hours at the roadblocks for a trip that in normal conditions takes only minutes."

"The Israeli army is fully responsible for this," he said.

Israeli forces reoccupied Nablus, the West Bank's biggest city, more than two weeks ago during a rolling offensive unleashed after suicide bombings killed scores of Israelis.

A US-sponsored resolution that the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Friday expresses concern about "the dire humanitarian situation" of Palestinian civilians and "emphasizes the urgency of access of medical and humanitarian organizations to the Palestinian civilian population."

Resolution 1405, which has Israel's approval, welcomes the dispatch of a UN team to find out what happened in the Jenin refugee camp during the Israeli military's sustained attacks.

Arab nations have accused Israel of a massacre in Jenin, but Israel says the deaths and destruction were the result of gun battles between its soldiers and Palestinian gunmen.

Beijing has been sufficiently moved to urge Israel to halt its military offensive.

"Palestinians in this region are experiencing the same suffering the Jewish

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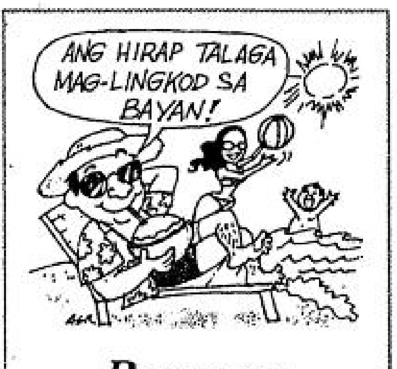
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Boracay beckons to probing solons

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

BORACAY ISLAND, Aklan—Why would a small electric cooperative in Aklan be of such national concern that 14 congressmen and some congressional staff members had to

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Judge lets justice go to the dogs

By Job Belen
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—The saying goes, "Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are." What are we to make of a judge who spends all his leisure time in the company of 30 dogs?

No, he does not have the hangdog look of a condemned man, though he has sentenced at least a dozen convicts to death.

Tabaco Regional Trial Court Executive Judge Arnulfo Cabredo has earned the monicker as "Bicol's Hanging Judge." He handles RTC Branch 15, a special court for heinous crimes and for violations of forestry laws and the Family Code.

Not one of his decisions in the nine years that he has held court has been reversed by the Supreme Court. For this he credits his dogs.

"Every time I write a decision, I play first with my dogs because they give me peace of mind," said Cabredo.

An English major in college, the dog-lover reportedly writes interesting decisions with the ease of a literary man.

Also a one-time broadcaster and an excellent speaker, he is often invited by high schools and colleges as their commencement speaker. Which about sums up his social life.

Judges' private lives are restricted. "We are barred from going to cockpits, beerhouses and other night spots," he said. This is not to say he's complaining. Because he enjoys staying home

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BAKBAKAN NA NAMAN!

6 NPA rebels killed, 8 hurt in encounter

By Tony S. Macasinag
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Six members of the New People's Army were killed, eight were wounded and six others were captured by government forces in an encounter in Labo, Camarines Norte, yesterday morning.

Col. Jack Cordero, 203rd Infantry Brigade commander, reported to Maj. Gen. Ernesto G. Carolina, Southern Luzon Command chief, that platoon-sized elements of the 31st Infantry Battalion clashed with about 20 NPA rebels after the soldiers were able to penetrate a large NPA camp in Barangay Bagong Silang Dos. He said the 6:30 a.m. firefight lasted about 30 minutes.

The rebels then escaped in different directions, leaving behind their dead comrades as well as their gear and equipment. They reportedly dragged the wounded with them.

Government troops recovered three Armalite rifles, two laptop computers, subversive documents, and the rebels' personal belongings.

Maj. Jose Broso, Armed Forces civil-military relations group head in Southern Luzon, said the NPA group was believed headed by Carlito Apigo, alias Ka Jack. It operates in the northern Camarines Norte towns of Sta. Elena, Capalonga, Panganiban and Labo.

Broso said Apigo was believed to have been among the slain rebels.

He said the other slain and captured rebels have not been identified.

Cordero said this was the third time Army troops had engaged communist dissidents in a major encounter.

In November 1999, troops of the 16th IB killed 10 communist terrorists and recovered eight high-powered firearms in an NPA training camp.

In July last year, elements of the 31st IB killed eight communist rebels, including two ranking NPA leaders, and recovered six high-powered firearms that included one 30-caliber machine gun.

The incident happened in another NPA camp, believed to be the headquarters of the Bicol Regional Party Committee located at the boundary of Labo and Tagkawayan.

In that particular encounter, military troops captured three regional staff officers headed by Nancy Cabug, political and training staff member of the BRPC, who were subsequently released as a confidence-building measure by the government in then-ongoing peace talks.

Broso said government troops are conducting pursuit operations. ***With TJ Burgonio***

BEAUTY QUEEN IN TRAINING. **Bb. Pilipinas-Universe Karen Loren Agustin waves to well-wishers prior to her departure yesterday for Caracas, Venezuela, where she is to undergo training on the rudiments of being a beauty queen. Today it is not enough for a beauty contestant to smile and wave, she has to have that polished look that intensive training under beauty queen makers have. Agustin will represent the country in the Miss Universe Pageant to be held in Puerto Rico in May.** DENNIS SABANGAN

Soldier slain by suspected Abu

JOLO, Sulu—A gunman suspected of belonging to the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group shot and killed a Philippine Army soldier and wounded another on this southern island, the military said Saturday.

The soldiers were shot on Friday while at a local market, said Maj. Ernesto Maniego. The two were about to board a naval vessel for redeployment off the island when the incident occurred, Maniego said.

The killer might have been a member of the Abu Sayyaf, which is the object of an intense joint manhunt by American and Filipino troops engaged in military exercises in Mindanao, local army chief Col. Dominador Macalintal said.

Filipino troops in armored vehicles are searching for the killer, Macalintal said.

The Abu Sayyaf had been on a kidnapping spree of foreigners and Christians in the southern Philippines to hold for ransom.

The last two hostages still in the group's hands are American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap. ***AFP***

Israelis to teach local cops

ISRAELI policemen are due to arrive this week to train members of the local Special Action Forces (SAF) on how to deal with terrorists and terrorist acts.

About 10 members of the Israeli police force will conduct the counter-terrorist training for a small select group of SAF members beginning Tuesday at the SAF School at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority annex.

"The cream of the SAF crop will undergo the training. This will upgrade the anti-terrorism training that some SAF members have undergone," said a police official, who asked not to be named.

The national police has tried to keep the training hush-hush. "It's a confidential training, it's not open for coverage," said the official. Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., deputy director for administration and chief of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Naktaf), will be the guest of honor at the start of the training.

The Philippine National Police has been coordinating with other countries for anti-terrorism training for local police.

Aside from the Israeli government, the PNP has managed to convince the French and British governments to conduct trainings for the local cops.

This week, French police are arriving to conduct three training courses on anti-terrorism for at least 60 members of the PNP at the police headquarters in Camp Crame.

In July, the PNP will start sending policemen to Yorkshire in London to train in crisis management. ***TJ Burgonio***

Bomb scare suspect's kin, friends join hunt for him

COTABATO CITY—Relatives and friends of the suspect in the recent spate of bomb scares in Metro Manila and Mindanao said they want to bring him to justice but have no idea where he is.

"He has to answer the charges against him, he is responsible for his acts," said Ronald Adamat, an assistant secretary at the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and a cousin of fugitive Roger Adamat.

Ronald, who works at Malacañang, said he and his relatives have been doing their best to locate Roger, also known as Fedrev, of the Indigenous Peoples Federal Army (Ipfa), who police said had a hand in the recent bomb scares in Metro Manila.

The Adamat family and Roger's friends believe the man was responsible for planting bombs in various parts of Metro Manila and Mindanao was still in Mindanao, Ronald said.

"I (myself) believe he is somewhere in Mindanao," he said.

Eid Kabalu, spokesperson of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said the MILF had received information that Roger was in Metro Manila but they still had to verify this.

Ronald said Roger was a nationalist who would put his life at risk to achieve his goal. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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'What does the price of a lady's drink have to do with it?'

By Volt Contreras

WHY are American troops being briefed about the local nightlife upon arrival in the Philippines to participate in joint military exercises with Filipino soldiers?

"What does the price of a "lady's drink" have to do with anything, especially after no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo herself had said visiting United States troops would be confined to barracks at night and be exposed only to cultural shows?

Militant groups Bayan, Gabriela, and Kilusang Mayo Uno asked the questions yesterday in their continuing bid to rouse opposition to the controversial war exercises dubbed Balikatan 02-01 and Balikatan 02-02.

The protest groups have lined up a fresh series of mass actions against the Balikatan exercises after news reports showed newly arrived American soldiers being given "cultural sensitivity orientations" that included tips on the local nightlife.

"We expect all-out prostitution (now). This is not far-fetched when nightspots, the prices of beer and ladies' drinks, and bar schedules are among the matters being discussed at these briefings," Bayan secretary general Teddy Casiño told the weekly Cypress forum.

At the same forum, Emmie de Jesus of Gabriela quoted a GMA-7 news report that said one such orientation was given to newly arrived US soldiers at Clark Field in Pampanga on Thursday.

"Do we really expect these US troops to just sit down and chat with the bar girls to get to know the community?'" De Jesus asked.

De Jesus noted that bars, nightclubs and motels in Angeles and Olongapo cities, sites of some exercises, have undergone "facelifts" in apparent anticipation of the joint military exercises, the second in the series to be held from April 22 to May 6.

Balikatan 02-2 will take place in Central Luzon and involve about 2,700 US soldiers.

The militant groups said they will go on an anti-Balikatan "protest caravan" on Monday, from Quezon City to Cabanatuan City, culminating in a rally at Fort Magsaysay.

"Popularity is not everything," said Casiño, downplaying the results of the Social Weather Stations survey that showed 76 percent of Filipinos approve of continued US military presence in the country.

"If the SWS survey was really accurate, remember the role played by the minority against Marcos, the US bases and Erap," he said.

"Up to now, the combined US and Philippine troops have yet to deliver the goods and get back the Abu Sayyaf hostages. Now they are talking about an extension for alleged civic action by US troops. Which is which? What is the real agenda behind all this?" Casiño asked.

US issues new travel warning to citizens

DESPITE the deployment of more American troops in the country, the United States has issued another advisory highlighting the "dangers of travel in the Philippines."

In the travel advisory issued by the State Department on April 18, the US government warned its citizens not to travel in the country "due to incidents of terrorism, kidnappings and violence."

The advisory said kidnappings of foreigners, bombings and other violent incidents "call for Americans to exercise great caution throughout the country."

It said that due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the US, American citizens and interests "may be at increased risk of terrorist actions from extremist groups."

"In view of these incidents and the possibility of future terrorist activity, kidnappings for ransom or bombings, Americans traveling to or residing in the Philippines are urged to maintain a high level of vigilance and to increase their security awareness," said the two-page advisory.

The advisory said US citizens should avoid central, southern and western areas of Mindanao, including Zamboanga City, and the islands of Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Jolo located in the Sulu archipelago.

"As a precaution, the US government has withdrawn resident American officials from these areas," the advisory said. ***Michael Lim Ubac***

10 alien fishers nabbed

SEVEN Chinese nationals and three Taiwanese were arrested after they were spotted fishing near the shoreline of Calayan, Cagayan, on Wednesday night, according to police reports.

The Taiwanese and Chinese fishermen, led by skipper Tung Tien Hsing from Taiwan, were taken to Region 2 police headquarters in Camp Adduru after they failed to show the proper documents.

"When the suspects were interrogated, the boat captain presented questionable papers," Senior Supt. Juan Urani Jr., operations chief of the Region 2 police force, said in a report.

Joint operatives from the Calayan police, the Philippine Coast Guard and local government units intercepted the fishermen after information was received that a foreign boat was fishing in the shoreline of Poblacion Calayan. ***TJ Burgonio***

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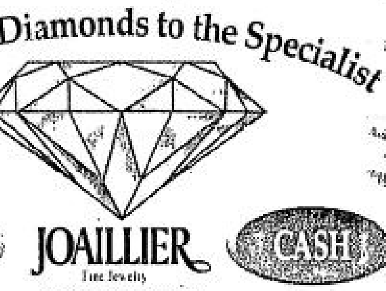

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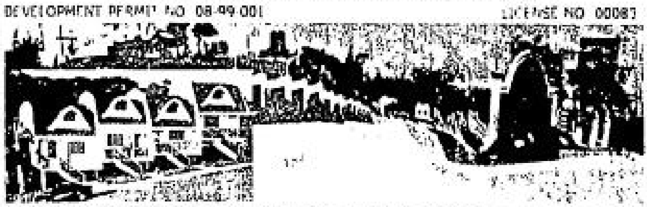

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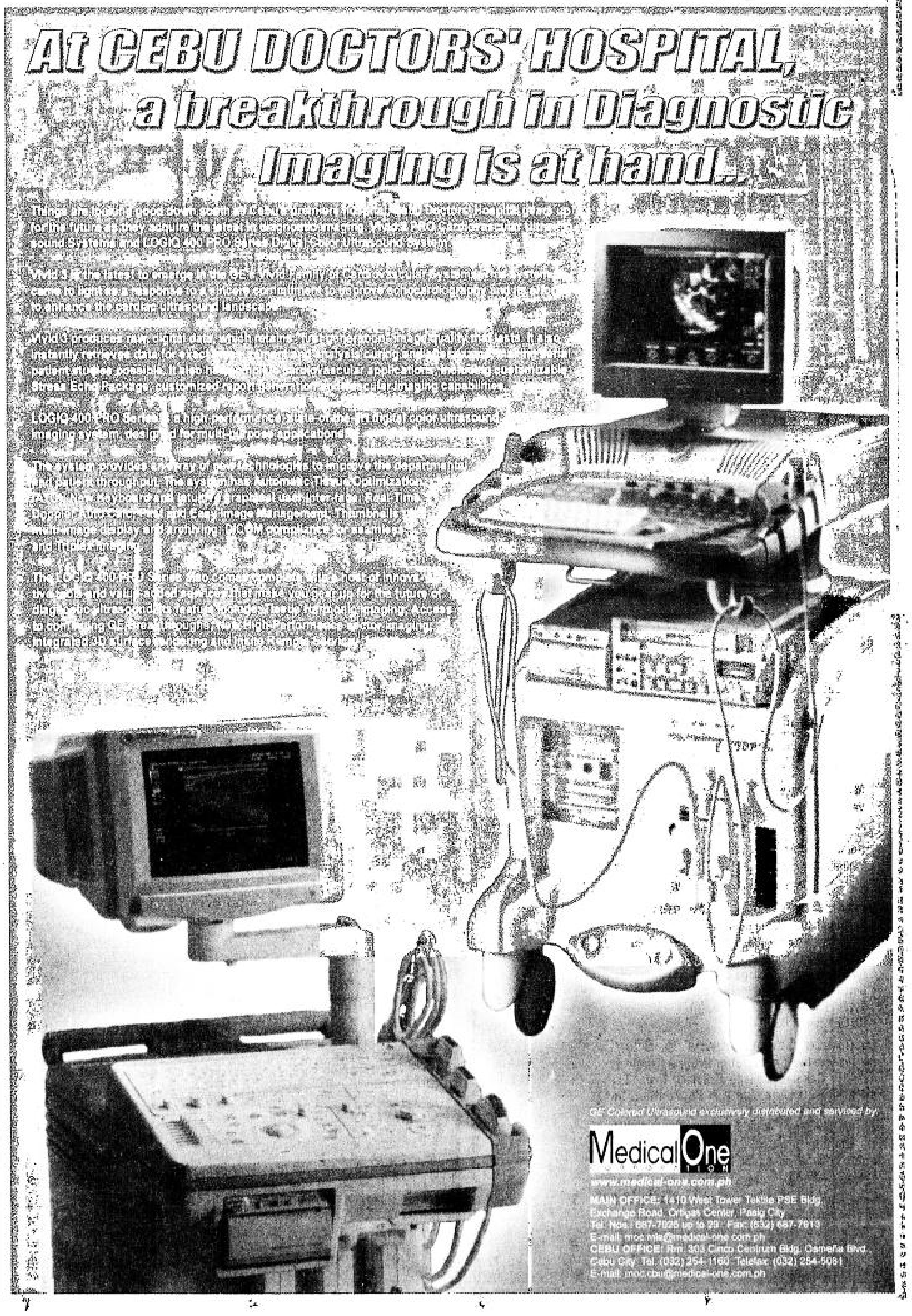

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'Suicide' or 'bomicide' bombers: Media split

NEW YORK—As tensions rise in the Middle East, so, too, do disagreements over language used by the media to describe what's going on.

Are people who blow themselves up in public, killing others in the process, "suicide bombers" or, as the White House would have it, "homicide bombers?" And should those people be described as "terrorists?"

As in any conflict, there have been plenty of disagreements in the past over terms used in the Middle East: what exactly a "settlement" is, and whether Israeli police "arrest" or "detain' people in occupied areas.

But now that the standoff between Israel and the Palestinians is once again dominating the headlines, more and more people are joining the debate over what terms the media should be using.

White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer announced last week that US President George W. Bush preferred the term "homicide bomber." Fleischer said the term better captured the nature of the violence than "suicide bomber."

Fox News Channel and the New York Post have both begun using the phrase. Although both outlets are owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., Post editor Col Allan said the paper reached its decision on its own and that he was unaware of any company-wide policy.

However, most media outlets, including The Associated Press, are sticking for now to "suicide bomber."

Bob Steele, director of the ethics program at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, said "homicide bomber" did not convey that the individual died in the process of the bombing. "To just switch the term, even though it is a homicide, does not resolve the challenge of being as specific as necessary," Steele said.

Often, protests center on the amount of coverage given to one side of the conflict and the tone used to describe events. In Los Angeles, about 1,000 people temporarily suspended their subscriptions to the Los Angeles Times, claiming the paper's coverage was biased toward the Palestinians.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said the protesters were concerned that too much coverage was being given to the Palestinians and that the paper tended to use more strident language in describing the actions of Israelis.

Hier is not participating in the protest, but he said he shared the concerns.

The use, or non-use, of other terms has become a hot topic among readers who have been deluging newspapers across the country in recent weeks with feedback about Middle East coverage.

"Responses are definitely heating up over how we describe events there," said Karen Hunter, reader representative at The Hartford Courant.

"There are people who correspond with me daily about the terms that we use," Hunter said. "Recently, I've gotten a flurry of correspondence from pro-Palestinian readers who question why we don't call the suicide bombers freedom fighters, and pro-Israel readers wonder why we don't call them terrorists."

Lillian Swanson, readers' advocate at The Philadelphia Inquirer, said she had been receiving a "daily barrage" of e-mail about the paper's Middle East coverage in recent weeks, more than on any other topic.

Again, a good part of the feedback focuses on terminology, particularly the paper's use of the word "militant" to describe shooters and suicide bombers. "We have chosen not to describe them as terrorists, and some readers take umbrage at that," Swanson said.

She added: "It tells me that readers who care passionately about this story are parsing every word. You have people who understand the role of the media and understand that photographs and words and headlines play an important role in describing this story to the rest of the world." *AP*

Photog's baby dies at roadblock

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people experienced during World War II," China's official Xinhua news agency said in an editorial Friday.

It said "the Israeli government's actions are no different than (that of) their previous persecutors."

Some six million Jews were murdered by the Nazis in World War II.

"In (the) face of such a terrible and horrendous situation occurring in the West Bank, people cannot help but raise an outcry against the Israeli government to cease and desist and stop trampling on humanity," Xinhua said.

It added: "Yet today's humanitarian catastrophe facing the Palestinians is nothing but the continuation of Israel's policy of collective punishment and retaliation against some individual Palestinians' extreme actions against Israel.

"The Israeli government, however, hasn't realized that the tougher it treats the Palestinian people, the greater Palestinians' hatred toward Israel grows.

"In the long run, Israel can only face a deteriorating security situation, and it will never force the Palestinian people to accept its illegal occupation.

"If the Israel government doesn't stop its outrages at once, it will earn itself eternal infamy in history."

Fact-finding mission

The Security Council adopted Resolution 1405 hours after Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told UN Secretary General Kofi Annan that it would welcome a UN representative "to clarify the facts" of what happened in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank.

According to Israel's UN delegation, Peres told Annan in a phone call that "Israel has nothing to hide regarding the operation in Jenin," and that "our hands are clean."

Peres only mentioned a mission to the city of Jenin, but "the secretary general would hope that any fact-finding mission he sends would have full access to all areas of the West Bank," UN spokesperson Fred Eckhard said.

US Ambassador John Negroponte, who initially opposed any resolution, said: "It's important to get to the bottom of the facts of the situation."

The resolution that was adopted "welcomes the initiative of the secretary general to develop accurate information regarding recent events in the Jenin refugee camp through a fact-finding team and requests him to keep the Security Council informed."

It also reaffirms previous Middle East resolutions demanding an immediate Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian cities and outlining a blueprint to end more than 18 months of violence and achieve a final peace settlement culminating in a Palestinian state.

The fact-finding team will be appointed by Annan but will not act under a mandate from the Security Council, which Israel regards as politically biased against it.

No reference to Israel

Remarkably, Resolution 1405 does not include a single explicit reference to Israel, which has rejected Palestinian claims that its armed forces killed at least 500 people, more than half of them women and children, in Jenin.

"We believe that a serious war crime, a serious massacre, was committed, and that some people will have to be held responsible and may be brought to justice," said the Palestinian observer to the UN, Nasser Al-Kidwa.

Speaking to reporters after the vote, Al-Kidwa said he was "not concerned that there is no time frame" for the investigation.

"There are people still under the rubble; there are reports about corpses being moved to other places, reports about mass graves," he said, adding that the fact-finding team should take its time in getting detailed information.

Israel's deputy ambassador to the UN, Aaron Jacob, retorted: "There was no massacre in Jenin. There was a fierce battle between Israeli troops and Palestinian terrorists."

However, he said, "Israel is willing to fully cooperate with any non-political and impartial effort to develop accurate information about what happened in Jenin."

Jacob said the inquiry should establish "how a refugee camp that was supposed to be a civilian refugee camp was allowed to become a center for Palestinian terrorists."

He went on to assert that "some officials of the United Nations have prejudged the facts, have determined the verdict prior to the investigation," and that Annan should "take this into consideration when deciding who should go on the investigation."

US success

The adoption of the resolution was a diplomatic success for the United States, whose ambassador to the UN, Negroponte, had previously threatened to veto any "one-sided" criticism of Israel.

Negroponte told reporters that the resolution was drafted in the light of a briefing by Annan, who had consulted the Israeli government.

UN spokesperson Eckhard said Annan spoke separately by phone on Friday with Peres and Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer.

The Israeli delegation to the UN issued a statement saying that Peres had agreed to a fact-finding mission consisting of only one person, but UN sources denied that Annan had accepted that.

Al-Kidwa also insisted that the resolution "speaks about a fact-finding team, and this is the only possible understanding."

"There will be a team, established and dispatched to the Jenin refugee camp," he said.

But Negroponte was less categorical.

"We are not trying to alter in any way the understanding that the secretary general reached with the Israeli authorities, and there is no reference in this resolution to any kind of international commission of inquiry," he said, adding:

"It is more a question of the secretary general designating an individual, or perhaps several, to look into the facts, and we think it is important to get to the bottom of what happened."

Arab draft

Arab nations had been pushing for a vote on a draft resolution expressing shock at reports of a massacre at Jenin and requesting that Annan investigate "the full scope of the tragic events" there. The United States had threatened to veto it.

At a two-day open council meeting on the Arab draft that ended Friday, many of the 45 nations that spoke called for an investigation into the events at Jenin.

"Israel has the most serious questions to answer about the conduct of its operations," said Ireland's UN Ambassador Richard Ryan.

Many of the nations that spoke, including some of America's friends, said the Security Council needed to address Israel's defiance of its previous demands to withdraw from West Bank cities and the plight of Palestinian civilians, especially in Jenin.

The Arab draft, now on a back burner, also demanded an end to the siege of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in his Ramallah compound and of Palestinian gunmen in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. ***Reports from Reuters, AP, AFP***

Boracay beckons to probing solons

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travel by air, land and sea to investigate its problems?

The answer lies in the pristine white beaches of this world-famous resort island, an attraction which even jaded travelers like congressmen find irresistible.

A joint pubic hearing here of the House committees on energy and on good government got a big turnout with 14 members attending the daylong hearing on Thursday at the Casa Pilar.

The purpose of the hearing: to conduct an inquiry on alleged irregularities and mismanagement in the Aklan Electric Cooperative (Akelco). But why would such irregularities merit such national concern?

Well, according to Lanao del Norte Rep. Alipio Badelles, the Akelco issue affects what has been considered a national treasure—Boracay.

An official of the cooperative said the hearing was "a waste of people's money."

A similar hearing was held in 1999 but it drew less than 10 legislators and it is not known what came out of that hearing.

Free hotels

The legislators, along with several congressional staffers, arrived here on Wednesday for the hearing. They were billeted in at least four plush resorts here with room rates ranging from P2,500 to P5,000 per day.

Aklan Gov. Florencio Miraflores said the local government did not spend for the hearing.

But resort owners offered free accommodations for the legislators, their staff members and journalists who came to cover what was made to appear a big event.

Badelles, chair of the energy committee, maintained the congressmen did not come to Boracay to enjoy its white-sand beaches.

He cited the difficulties one had to go through to get to the island. From Manila, it is a one-hour flight to Kalibo, a 90-minute drive to Caticlan in Malay town and a short boat ride to the island.

But Badelles said they had to go through that to conduct the hearing in Boracay so they could hear the sentiments of the resort owners and residents.

Boracay residents, including owners of at least 200 resorts and restaurants, are the largest stakeholders of Akelco's 59,753 member-consumers.

National concern

"Two major committees are involved and the Akelco issue has become a national concern because of its effects on Boracay," Badelles said.

He also claimed that the committee's public hearing in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, had bigger attendance. He, however, did not say how many congressmen attended.

Badelles said each committee has a limited budget of P200,000 for the hearing with airplane fare costing around P7,000 per legislator.

"There will definitely be results. The hearing was a success—a happy-ending because the parties involved in the Akelco agreed to the NEA takeover to help resolve the problems of Aklanons," Badelles told the INQUIRER.

Badelles was referring to the order of NEA administrator Fr. Francisco Silva placing the Akelco under the agency's full control when he declared all members of the squabbling board of directors inactive.

Waster of money

Judson Mayor, Akelco management consultant and a supporter of Akelco general manager Leovigildo Mationg, said the hearing was a "waste of people's money."

"What happened was not a public hearing because the congressmen were urging NEA to take over (the) Akelco," said Mayor.

Mationg, provincial chair of Lakas-NUCD, lost to Rep. Gabrielle Calizo for Aklan's lone congressional seat during the May 2001 elections.

Calizo, a member of the energy committee, delivered a privilege speech last March 4 on the Akelco controversy, triggering the inquiry.

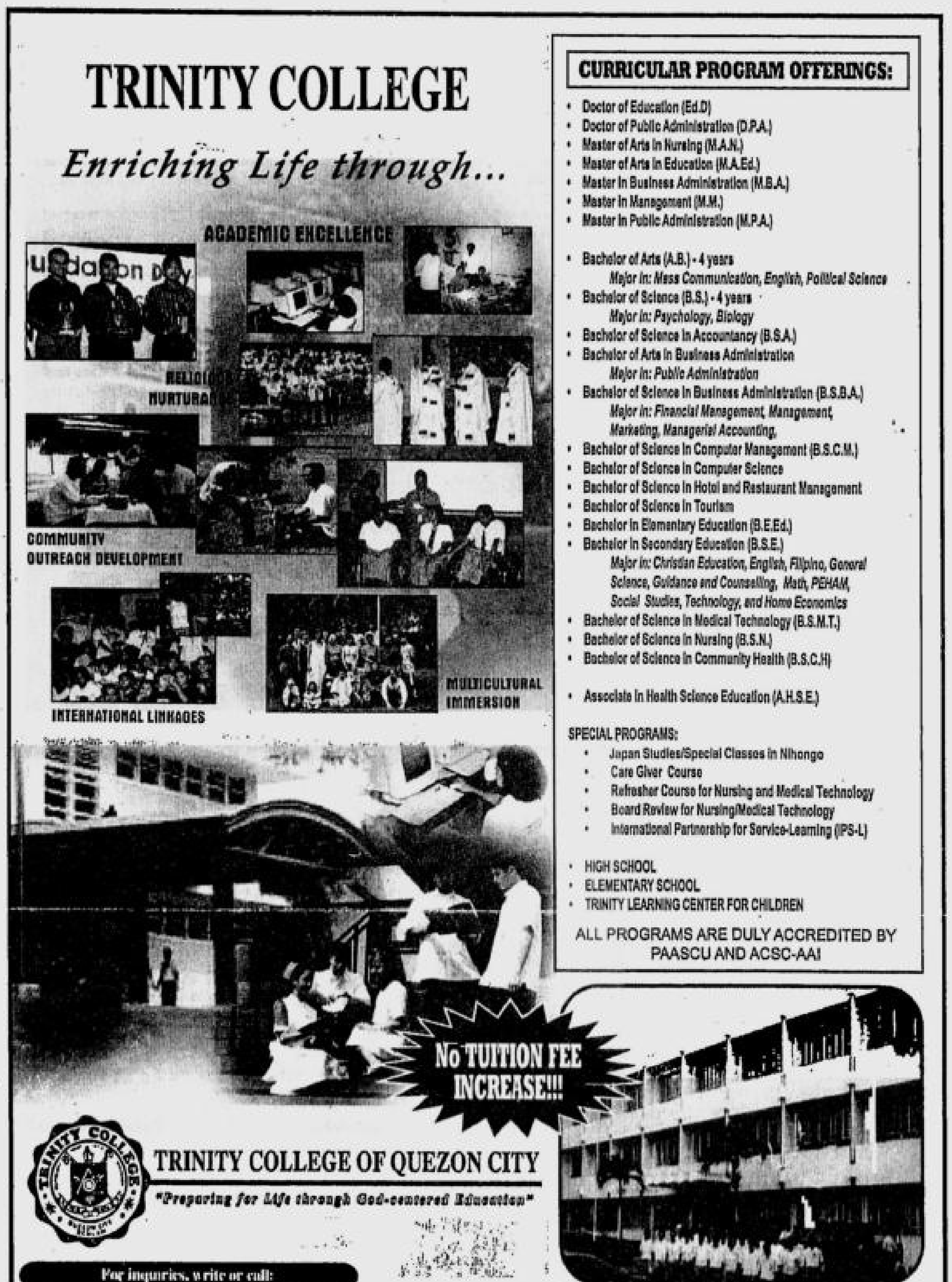
But Badelles said the hearing has "no political color." He cited that of the 14 committee members who attended, six belong to the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, two from the Liberal Party, one from the Nationalist People's Coalition and five from Mationg's party.

He said similar hearings were also conducted in other areas, experiencing problems with electric cooperatives.

The hearing was also attended by Representatives Joey Hizon (Manila), Emilou Taliño-Santos (North Cotabato), Ernesto Nieva (Manila), Monico Fuentebella (Bacolod City), Filomena San Juan (Zamboanga del Sur), Celso Lobregat (Zamboanga City), Abraham Kahlil Mitra (Palawan), Raul del Mar (Cebu), Minority Leader Carlos Padilla (Nueva Vizcaya), Constantino Jaraulla (Cagayan de Oro), Aleta Suarez (Quezon) and Belma Cabilao (Zamboanga).

In attendance were local officials led by Gov. Florencio Miraflores, Akelco executives, and officials of government agencies including the National Power Corp., the National Electrification Administration and the energy department.

A three-day blackout hit Aklan's 17 towns including Malay town where Boracay is located, and two municipalities of Antique after Napocor cut off electricity supply to Akelco after the cooperative failed to pay its debts reaching P109 million.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Nene: GMA must ok cha-cha

DAVAO CITY—Legislators should get to work and persuade President Macapagal-Arroyo to support the congressional initiative to amend the Constitution, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. said.

The congressional deliberations on the proposed constitutional amendments will not get anywhere unless the President gives her blessings to the initiative, the opposition senator said while on a visit here on Friday.

The political summit on May 13 and the meetings of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (Ledac) would be "a golden opportunity" for senators and representatives to break the deadlock with Malacañang on the issue, Pimentel said.

While most legislators apparently support the initiative to change the 1987 Charter, the President has not budged from her stand opposing moves to amend the Charter at this time.

Pimentel said the Ledac could serve as a forum for the President and congressional leaders to resolve their differences over the issue.

He said Congress should accept the President's challenge to pass the 16 priority administration bills, which she has imposed as a condition for agreeing to go along with moves to make constitutional revisions.

Without the support and cooperation of the President, it would be pointless for Congress to set a timetable for the amendatory process, Pimentel said.

The steps involve the approval of the congressional resolution on Charter change, the convening of either a constitutional convention or constituent assembly, and the ratification of the proposed amendments.

"There is no definite date yet for convening the con-con because we have to make sure that we have a thorough understanding and support of not only the executive but also of the members of the House," Pimentel said.

The con-con should be convened as soon as possible to give the public time to study and understand it, he said.

"They (people) should be fully aware on how it affects their lives," he said.

Pimentel said he would also push his proposal for the change into a federal system of government for inclusion in any discussion on constitutional change. ***Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI***

Gambling no career path for Filipinos, says Bayan

THE IDEA of gambling as a career path has no appeal for militant groups, which believe the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.'s plan to put up a casino university deserves to be trashed.

Teodoro Casiño, secretary general of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, said it was a "scary and shameful" precedent for a state-run firm to consider gambling as a career worthy of being pursued by Filipinos.

"Government should instead keep the people away from gambling because it is very unproductive. This proposal deserves to be put in the trash can," Casiño said.

The idea would make President Macapagal-Arroyo worse than her deposed predecessor who pushed for the legalization of *jueteng* and other forms of illegal gambling. ***Gerald G. Lacuarta***

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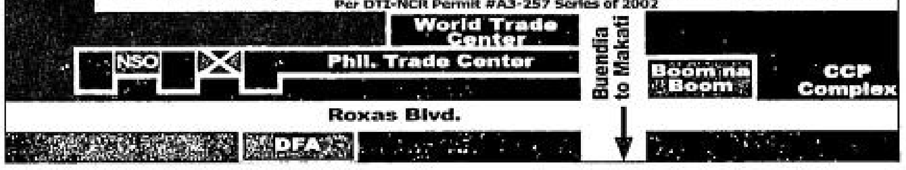

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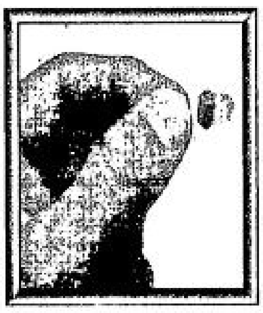

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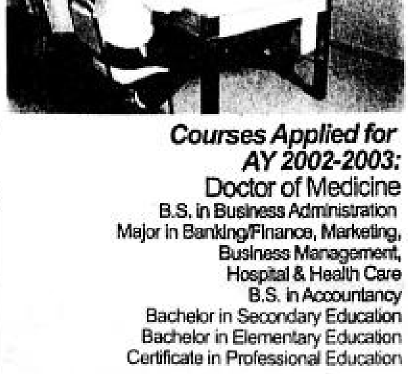

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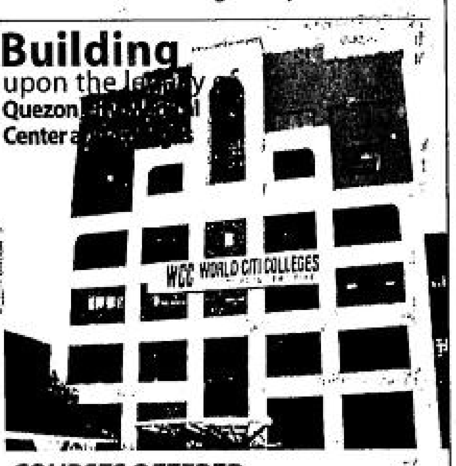

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Gov't deserves dividend from texting, says solon

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

INSTEAD of taxing mobile phone subscribers, the government should consider asking the cell phone companies for a dividend from the profits of their highly profitable text-messaging service, a congressman proposed yesterday.

Noting how Smart Communications and Globe Telecom are already allegedly overcharging customers with the popular service, Davao Rep. Prospero Nograles said it would make more sense for the government to ask for dividends rather than adopt Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho's unpopular proposal to impose a tax on text messaging.

Malacañang yesterday tried to distance itself from the controversy caused by the Camacho proposal which both the mobile phone companies and their subscribers have protested.

Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said the proposal "did not emanate from Malacañang."

"This is something that is still in the air. It is absurd to say that this is a form of censorship that is being applied by the government," he said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the finance department to carefully study the proposal, Afable said.

The President wanted the department to address three concerns: the interest of consumers, especially the young people who will bear the burden of such a tax, the position of the mobile phone companies and the government's need for more revenues.

Camacho, who floated the idea of taxing text messaging last Thursday, said it was "easy" to do.

Nograles said Smart and Globe are already arbitrarily over-charging consumers for the text messaging service—also known as short messaging system (SMS)—and the government has every right to ask for dividends as a revenue-generating measure.

"Text messaging should in fact be free because this is a feature available to our GSM phones," Nograles said.

"But since we are paying for our text messages, the government should have a dividend from the text messaging service provided by these telecom companies," he said.

Based on the 150 million text messages sent out every day by mobile phone users who are charged P1 to P2 per message sent, Nograles said Smart and Globe easily generate P150 million to P200 million daily, or a whopping P4.5 billion to P6 billion every month, from this service.

"This is on text messaging alone. The telecom companies also make a lot of money on charges that they impose on phone calls, pre-paid card sales and many other services that they offer," Nograles said. ***With a report from Dona Pazzibugan***

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Roco orders halt to discrimination in private schools

By Donna S. Cueto

EDUCATION Secretary Raul Roco yesterday ordered all private schools to stop discriminating against children of single parents after receiving complaints that some private Catholic schools have refused to admit students on this ground.

The Department of Education could revoke the permit of these private schools, in the most extreme cases, if they repeatedly ignore this order, said DepEd assistant secretary Percival Flores.

Roco recalled that there already was a department order issued in 1997 directing all private elementary and secondary schools to discontinue their practice of refusing admission to children of single or separated parents.

Private school administrations should comply with this existing DepEd circular prohibiting private schools from pending discriminatory acts against children, Roco said.

"We're punishing the children for the acts of their parents," he said.

The 1997 order, issued by former education secretary Ricardo Gloria, was meant to implement the provisions of Chapter 2 of Batas Pambansa 232.

The law provides that the "state shall promote the right of every individual to relevant quality education, regardless of sex, age, creed, socio-economic status, physical and mental conditions, racial or ethnic origin, political and other affiliation."

DECS order No. 103, series of 1997, was issued on Dec. 23, 1997.

Noting that the department had been receiving complaints against violations of BP 232, it directed all private schools "to discontinue practicing discriminatory acts against children, specifically in not accepting children who have single or separated parents or those who come from broken homes for enrolment in their schools."

All school division superintendents and education supervisors have been directed to "monitor closely the private schools to stop this practice."

Flores said the department would first exercise "moral suasion" over the erring schools.

But if the department were to continue to receive complaints against these schools, then it could resort to the extreme measure of revoking their permits.

"That is within our power," Flores said.

Soliman raps Erap's poverty performance

BACOLOD CITY—Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman defended President Gloria Mapacagal-Arroyo's pro-poor record, saying deposed ex-President Joseph Estrada did not do too well himself in alleviating poverty in the country.

In spite of Estrada's claim to being pro-poor, poverty incidence had in fact increased during his administration, Soliman said.

She said that in 1994, 35.5 percent of Filipinos lived below the poverty line.

This dropped to 31.8 percent in 1997 during the Ramos administration, Soliman said.

During Estrada's watch, however, poverty incidence again rose to 33.7 percent in 2000, she said.

This means that millions of people were added to those living below the poverty line, with 33.7 percent representing about 5 to 6 million families, she said.

"The figures speak for themselves," the social welfare chief said.

Soliman stressed that the Macapagal administration was responding to the needs of the poor through a judicious use of its resources.

She cited the presidential ban on the purchase of luxury vehicles by government officials.

"We know expectations are high, but the poverty situation is enormous at 32.3 percent poverty incidence," she said.

To fight poverty, the government is undertaking the Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) in identified poor areas.

In Negros Occidental, for example, the CIDSS is being implemented in 19 towns, seven cities and 63 barangays, serving 15,336 families.

Last year, the services given to the CIDSS-identified areas in Negros Occidental included, among other things, the setting up of 30 day care centers, 12 water systems, 75 core shelter units and four electrification projects at a cost of about P14 million.

"We have not solved the problem of poverty in the one year and three months (of the Macapagal administration)... but we have taken determined steps in responding to it," said Soliman, who was in Bacolod on Friday to speak before the district convention of the Rotary Clubs in the province. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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Estrada backers free to rally if...

By TJ Burgonio

POLICE officials yesterday assured deposed President Joseph Estrada his supporters would not be dispersed during a planned protest march on May 1 as long as they complied with the requirements of the law and did not resort to violence.

Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, head of the National Capital Region Police Office, said those requirements include securing a rally permit from the authorities; confining the rally to freedom parks; avoiding damage to property and inconvenience to the public, and avoiding inciting people to rebellion.

"If they do all these things and hold their rally peacefully, they have the right to air their grievances. Otherwise, we would have to disperse them and arrest their leaders," Aglipay said in an interview.

Estrada, in a half-page advertisement in some dailies, appealed to the national police to go easy on his urban poor followers who are planning to mark last year's Labor Day siege of Malacañang with a march to the presidential palace.

"On the first anniversary of 'Edsa 3,' I appeal to you to be more understanding of the poor who are crying out for justice. Employ restraint, not violence. Whatever happens to you under the present dispensation, I will continue to hold you in high esteem," Estrada said in the advertisement that was titled "The Filipino People's Appeal to the Police."

Estrada said he had been saddened by the violent dispersal of his supporters at the Supreme Court and the US Embassy in Manila recently as shown on the TV news.

Tardy lawyer costs bank ₱11 million

By Michael Lim Ubac

THEIR lawyer's tardiness has cost a bank P11.4 million in a five-year-old recovery suit.

Last April 17, the Supreme Court Third Division ruled that clients should suffer the consequences of the negligence, mistakes or lack of competence of their lawyers.

The high court thus upheld the decisions of the Makati City Regional Trial Court and the Court of Appeals dismissing the petition of the Producers Bank of the Philippines to recover P11.4 million from the Asia Trust Development Bank and the then Central Bank.

"The petition is bereft of merit. We uphold the dismissal of the appeal by the CA," said the high court in the decision penned by Associate Justice Antonio Carpio.

The lower court dismissed the case on May 17, 1995 after the handling counsel, Alvin Agustin Ignacio, arrived late for a hearing.

Upon a motion by Asiatrust lawyers, the court issued on the same day an order dismissing the case for "lack of interest to prosecute."

Ignacio filed an appeal on June 9, 1995, explaining that his tardiness was caused by the traffic in front of the Baclaran Church in Parañaque City.

Motion denied

The motion for reconsideration was denied on Aug. 1 of the same year, but Ignacio filed another notice of appeal on Aug. 25, which was 13 days too late.

The appellate court sided with the lower court, saying "the failure of the plaintiff-appellant (Ignacio) to file the notice of appeal on time was inexcusable negligence."

The case began on March 28, 1998 when the Producers Bank, through its former counsel Antonio Pery, filed a complaint before the Makati RTC to recover the amount as proceeds from several treasury bills.

Producers Bank claimed it owned the treasury bills. On their respective maturity dates, the bank delivered the bills to the CB to be deposited in the "demand deposit account" of the bank.

"(But) the proceeds were fraudulently credited to the demand deposit account of Asiatrust at the CB and were withdrawn by Milagros Nayve, Elizabeth Garcia and Alberto Limjoco Sr.," Producers Bank alleged.

Manager's check

The bills were first credited to the account of Asiatrust, which approved the manager's check applications and facilitated payment of the bills.

The treasury bills ended up in the hands of Rainelda Andrews and Rhodora Landrito, who allegedly failed to ascertain their lawful ownership of the bills.

In its complaint, Producers Bank asked the court to hold Asiatrust and the others liable for the value of the treasury bills and for damages, claiming they were all negligent in their duties to determine the true ownership of the bills.

In its appeal with the SC, Producers Bank argued that a client should not be bound by its counsel's gross and inexcusable negligence.

However, the SC said the bank was never deprived of its day in court both in the trial and appellate court proceedings.

The SC pointed out that the right to appeal is not a natural right or part of due process. "(I)t is merely a statutory privilege, and may be exercised only in the manner and in accordance with the provisions of the law. The party who seeks to avail of the same must comply with the requirements of the rules. Failing to do so, the right to appeal is lost," the SC said.

E-mail, texting killing 'snail mail'

BACOLOD CITY—The Philippine Postal Corp. has noted a seven percent drop in the volume of traditional posted mail since last year, which could be attributed to the increasing popularity of the Internet and cellular phones.

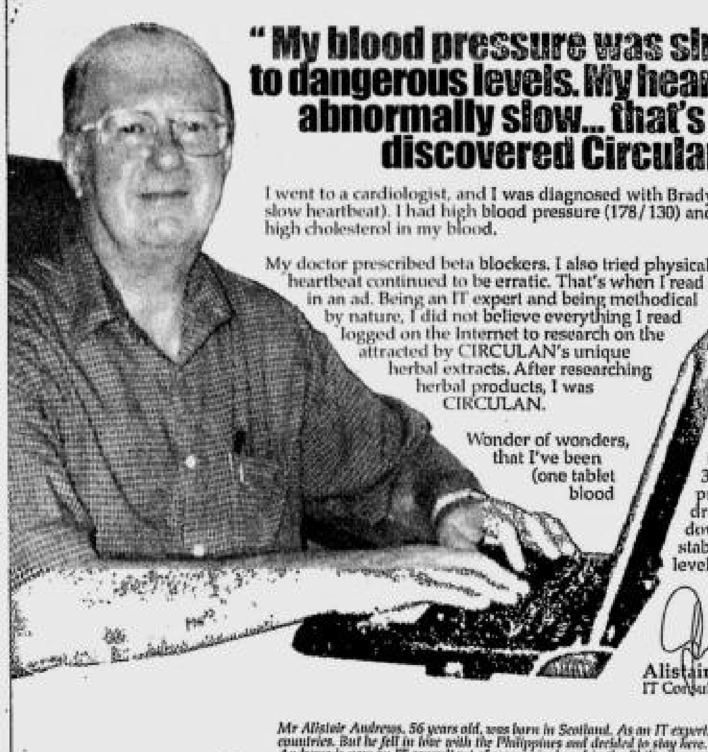
With the advent of electronic mail (e-mail) on the Internet and cell phones as more modern and glitzy modes of communication, the mail that passes through the postal system is now comprised mostly of business letters, documents and parcels, said Postmaster General Nicasio Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, however, was quick to point out that the decline in the use of the postal system has not been experienced only in the Philippines but in other countries where the Internet and cell phones are equally as popular.

To ensure continued public patronage of the postal system, Rodriquez said Philpost is focusing on ways to improve the delivery of mail and parcels that has been dubbed "snail mail" because of the length of time it takes to travel compared to e-mail or text messages via cell phones.

He revealed that Philpost has received feedback that letters passing through the system arrive faster now.

Rodriguez said the post office is also strictly implementing postal laws and would not hesitate to charge erring Philpost personnel. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*



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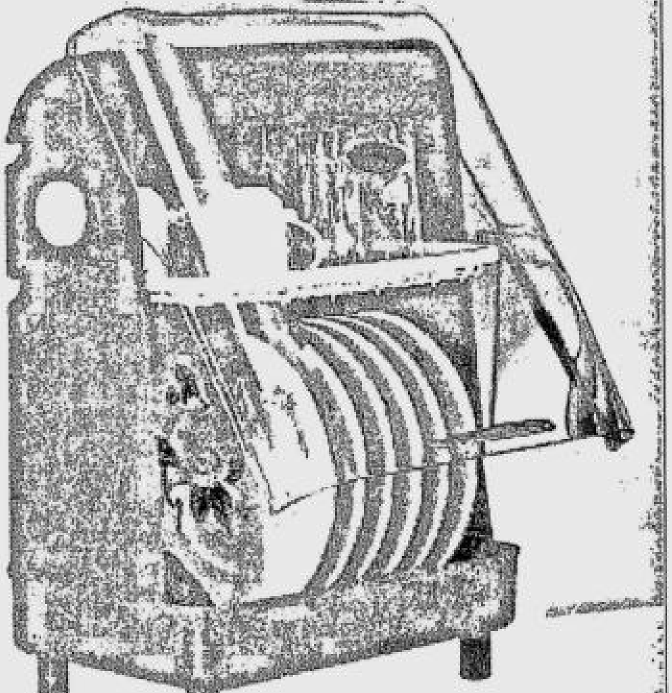

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EDITORIALS

Sinking feeling

TEN days after, the death toll from the MV Maria Carmela tragedy remains an estimate. This is partly because the ship sank even before the bodies trapped inside could be retrieved, and partly because the total number of passengers on board can no longer be counted with absolute certainty. The damning tentativeness of the casualty toll is reflected in the many suggestions that have been put forward about how to avoid yet another maritime disaster.

There is one suggestion, however, that seems to be bandied about with great assurance: that the government create a new super-agency, perhaps even a maritime department, to finally put a stop to shipping disasters.

Because the Philippines has suffered the worst peacetime maritime disaster in the world, and because in spite of this horrific record other disasters continue to haunt the shipping industry of the world's second largest archipelago, the suggestion carries enormous appeal.

But it won't work. In fact, it will only make things worse.

The main problem has always been enforcement. There are enough laws to provide for reasonable safety, but they are often honored in the breach. Accidents continue to happen and lives continue to be lost because government agencies and private businesses continue to share a great disregard of safety rules. A new agency or department will siphon off scarce resources, including the attention of government officials, but it won't solve the problem. Like one too many after-the-fact inquiry, it will raise expectations only to disappoint them.

Safety first

THE ENFORCEMENT problem is complicated by our proverbial *bahala na* mentality, which leaves for the morrow what can be done today. It is a matter of record that MV Maria Carmela had the required number of life vests; it had undergone a Coast Guard inspection only several weeks before the accident. But it is also clear, from the harrowing stories of the survivors, that in their moment of greatest need the passengers could not find them.

To be sure, that is not how the survivors phrased the problem; for them, there weren't enough life vests to go around. Some of them, in fact, admitted to fighting over the vests that could be found. But according to Montenegro Shipping, the vests were stowed under the chairs. Because of the absence of pre-departure safety reminders, however, the passengers did not know where to look for them.

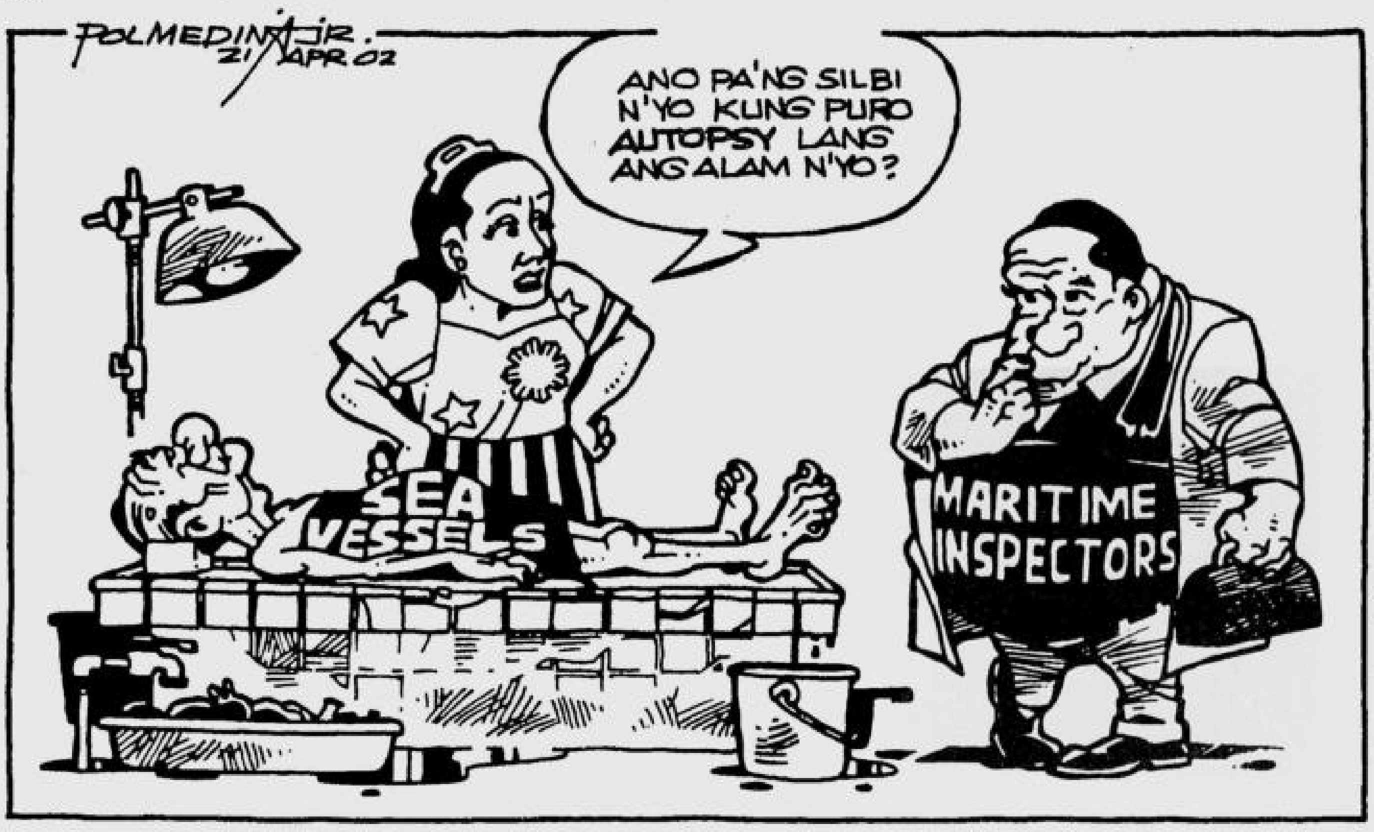
Today, a great number of the vests can be found where they are of no use to anyone: still on board the ship, a hundred fathoms under the sea.

The essential idea behind safety reminders—a familiar if often-ignored routine on commercial airline flights—is to help passengers react in a disciplined way during a crisis. Panic will overwhelm almost anyone involved in an accident or a calamity; the reminders are designed to help passengers remember where the life jackets are, and how to put them on, and where the nearest exit is, even when their instincts are telling them to panic.

Last April 11, however, the absence of safety reminders was compounded (if the survivors' stories are an indication) by the damning inaction on the part of the crew when the fire raced through the ship. No alarm was sounded, no attempts to alert the passengers on the other decks were mounted, nothing. It was simply every man for himself. We do not wish to say that there were no heroes, either among the passengers or from the crew; in fact, we find it hard to believe that so many were saved without the presence of heroes, men and women who put other people's lives ahead of their own. But to hear the survivors tell it, from the time the fire erupted at about 7:20 on Thursday morning until they were rescued, there were no sounds except that of the victims, screaming.

There are many lessons to be learned (all over again) from this disaster. We wish to highlight one, whose primary virtue is that it is immediately doable.

Prior to the departure of every single passenger ship, easy-to-understand safety reminders must be read over the public address system several times, like a call to prayer. Life jackets and exits are useless unless people know how to find them.



Grammar time again

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

AFTER I wrote my latest piece on grammar gaffes, a number of readers urged me to write more on the topic. Some sent their own suggestions and observations. Only one reader was irritated and called me a hypocrite. I cannot imagine why he was so riled. He must be a sad and frustrated man.

James Litton agreed that one should avail himself of something, not simply avail of it. The pronoun is essential where "avail" is used as a verb. That BPI poster urging its depositors to avail of their offer is spreading the error like a contagion. It's the fault not of the bankers but their copywriters, who should know better.

Litton also mentioned "mentioned about" as another grammatical delinquent. I was going to comment on it too, because it was used by two senators at the Acop hearing on Sept. 5 last year. You don't mention about something; you just mention it. It's the same as "discuss," which also does not need "about." Pedro mentioned the editorial. Maria discussed its merits. Neat and short.

Some mistakes committed by the senators, not to mention the representatives, are really "propesterous." Years ago one of them sent me a Christmas card with greetings for the "Yuletide Season." Perhaps he was wishing me double joy. At that Acop hearing, another senator said, "The facts are…" and then quickly corrected himself and said triumphantly, "IS…" That must have made him profoundly happy.

It's hard to believe that these legislators, some of them with postgraduate degrees from abroad, cannot speak decent English. And I am talking not only of syntax but also of phonics. Their pronunciation can be atrocious, as when they say "in-VENT-ory" instead of "IN-ventory" and "PER-centage" when it should be "per-CENT-age." And it's "TRES-passing," gentlemen, not "tres-PASS-ing."

That reminds me of a colleague of mine on the Supreme Court who used to teach "EE-vidence" in law school and of another who spoke of "payPOR" and "bicyCOL." Years ago, I myself pronounced "sue" as "shoo" until a restrained snickering from my class told me it should sound as "soo." But who can blame us natives when that American lady sang of how her heart was broken by the Tenn-AS-see Waltz.

Crisostomo Arcilla, a doctor, says we can use the long "i" in "bisect" but not in "dissect," as most of his colleagues do. (I've already mentioned "cen-TEN-nial," not "cen-TEEN-nial" because of the double consonant that precedes the vowel.) He decries the poor English of many of his younger colleagues, who often use the neuter "it" for human beings. Maybe they're veterinarians.

Incidentally, if I may digrees to Filipino, have you noticed the current use of personal pronouns for inanimate objects? For example, "It is beautiful," speaking of a flower, translates to *"maganda siya"* as if it were a lovely cousin. The correct form is *"maganda iyan"* or *"maganda ito,"* as in *"sira ito,"* referring to a broken chair and *"sira siya,"* to a mental patient like You-Know-Who.

And still on people and things, the possessive apostrophe "'s" is proper for you and me but not for a table or a bottle. We may speak of a lady's looks but not of a table's legs. We should say the legs of the table. The exception is where the emphasis is on the thing rather than the person, as in "the assassination of Kennedy" or "The Picture of Dorian Gray." Nowadays, though, such phrases as the "court's decision" or "the dollar's collapse" are generally accepted although not, as far as I know, the "Light Brigade's Charge."

Another common mistake is the use of "it's" for "its." The first is a contraction of "it is"; the second a possessive pronoun applied to a thing or an event. "It's a miracle!" is correct because "It's" is a combination of the subject (it) and the verb (is). But it's incorrect to write "I understand it's meaning," which would read as "I understand *it is* meaning."

If you were listening to the foreign newscasts of the terrorist attacks in the United States last September, you must have observed that nobody used "at this point in time." Also, the running news bulletins at the bottom of the screen announced that commercial air flights had been "canceled" with only one "l." Most of our editors still use the more conservative "cancelled."

And have you noticed that the Americans always pronounce it "STAY-bilize" although most of us prefer to say "STAB-ilize"? Both pronunciations are correct, per Webster, but the first is preferred. Ditto with "AB-domen" and "ab-DOM-en" although, Dr. Arcilla, the first is preferred. We are right, though, to call it "PEH-so" rather than the Americans' "PAY-so."

I'm afraid, Mr. Litton, that we're fighting a losing battle against "operationalize" and similar barbarisms. But why complain when we have already accepted "paralyze" and "minimize" and "symbolize"? Usage has legitimated such words, and also the expression, "He is taller than me." My English teacher taught us that the form should be "He is taller than I (am)" but that grouchy reader will object and call me a perfectionist. Why blame I?

Thieves and angels

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

WHAT is the worst thing that can happen to a traveler? Losing one's passport, I guess, along with one's ticket, money and other valuables.

All this happened to me at Barcelona Airport last April 16 as we were about to check in for the Barcelona-Frankfurt-Manila flight. Of course, I never thought it would happen to me. I suppose none of us, for that matter, ever thinks that something will happen to us until it does happen.

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My experience at the Barcelona Airport was literally an experience with a thief and a good shepherd, of which the Gospel speaks today (Jn. 10, 1-10). The thief must have seen me alight from the bus and leave my bags in a cart, while I went to get more carts for the other pilgrims. While everybody was busy with their carts, he struck without warning, and my shoulder bag was gone, along with my passport, my cash collection for our missionaries, my plane tickets and my precious mission cross.

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At the police station, I met three people in the same situation as mine. There was an Indian couple and a German national. We were given a police report. I had no other papers or credentials to show in a foreign land. But, I had friends: my fellow pilgrims who supported me, prayed with me throughout the whole ordeal and stayed with me. They chipped in to buy me a new ticket, and one of them, Jeff Campos, even volunteered to stay with me in case I was not allowed to board the plane. The experience of loss was painful, but the experience of unity and support was truly edifying and heartwarming. *Verdaderos amigos son pocos por eso preciosos!* Real friends are few, that's why I treasure you! Thank you friends in the Lord!

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I have forgiven whoever stole my bag. Maybe he needed the money. I just wish that somehow I will have my mission cross back. It is my most precious possession. I carry it with me wherever I go, and it is with me when I sleep. Like the missionaries before me, I have always thought I'll have it with me in the coffin when I die. For a moment, I thought I had lost even the Lord in my life. But then came the concrete affirmation of the Lord's presence in that seemingly hopeless and meaningless situation.

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I finally was able to enter the pre-departure gate at the Barcelona airport amid the cheering Filipino group. There I noticed the German national who was with me earlier at the police station. I greeted him and we consoled each other, only to find out that affixed to my police report was the affidavit bearing, not my name, but his! Imagine the disaster if I presented to the immigration people my report of the incident with the police affidavit bearing the name of Gerhard Mathias Pitters!

This was where my experience with a good shepherd began. This kind man accompanied me back to the police station a few minutes before boarding. When we landed at Frankfurt, instead of exiting right away, he accompanied me to the international immigration office to help me explain my situation. It was a good one-kilometer of hurried walk, as we were already running late. Finally with only a police report, and with the help of this simple and humble German national, I was allowed to board.

I embraced Gerhard as a real brother. He literally went out of his way to help me. And he did it as the good shepherd, not for the pay, not for the glory, but out of concern. I asked Gerhard before we parted: "Are you sure you are not an angel?" He just smiled and said goodbye to me.

Do angels exist? Indeed they do. I met one at the Barcelona Airport last April 16.

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Aside from what he did for me, what struck me about Gerhard was the man himself. Here was someone who, like me, had lost everything, but did not lose his sense of mission to help others in a more difficult situation. Neither did he lose his sense of humor. That one kilometer hurried walk with him toward immigration was a beautiful picture of pilgrims walking together toward heaven in unity, lightness and brotherhood. Gerhard, thank you. *Danke schön!*

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With the loss of my passport, the traveling retreat in Australia (April 19-26) has to be postponed. I thank Ella Sanchez of Executive Resources and the other pilgrims who signed up for their kind understanding. Also, I lost my appointment notebook for the year 2002. Those who have appointments with me for the year, please re-confirm (call Mission Office, 721-74-57; 414-70-44).

In the meantime, I have applied for a new passport. Friends at the Department of Foreign Affairs told me that my being allowed to travel with no temporary passport, but with just a police report, was unusual and was in itself a "miracle." It was my first police record ever, and it set me free!

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I lost a lot of precious things at the Barcelona Airport, but I still have a lot in life. I am still alive. I am home. I have friends. I met an angel. And I have a good shepherd, a God who will never abandon me. I hope you feel the same way about Him, too!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, in this world of angels and thieves, may I never stop to love or stop to give. Amen.

Bush's rhetoric ill-suited for Mideast

NEWS ANALYSIS

Ron Fournier

> Bush has had a difficult time since the crisis began trying to evenly measure his rhetoric without seeming to favor one side over the other or signaling a shift in policy

WASHINGTON—One day, President George W. Bush says he understands why Israel cracks down on Palestinians. Then he tells Israel to stop. Later still, he appears to give Israel the green light again.

The swings in Bush's Middle East rhetoric reflect the blunt-speaking style that served him well in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. "Dead or alive" is how he wanted Osama bin Laden. World leaders were "with us or against us." Americans liked what they heard; Bush's approval ratings climbed.

But the black-and-white language of the war against terrorism has not transferred well to the murky grays of Middle East policy. Once again last week, the administration's message was muddied by the president's own words.

In an appearance Thursday, Bush defended the slow pace of Israel's withdrawal from Palestinian cities and said he understood why Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had laid siege to Yasser Arafat's headquarters. "I do believe Ariel Sharon is a man of peace," Bush said.

The remarks were widely viewed as a sign that he was endorsing Israel's military action and backing off demands for an Israeli withdrawal. White House aides scoffed at those interpretations. "I think things can be over-nuanced," Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said Friday.

But nuance is the lifeblood of diplomacy, particularly in a hotbed like the Middle East. Bush has had a difficult time since the crisis began trying to evenly measure his rhetoric without seeming to favor one side over the other or signaling a shift in policy.

The most jarring example came March 30, when Israel stormed Arafat's compound in Ramallah and Bush said, "I can understand why the Israeli government takes the actions they take." Hours later, his administration supported a UN resolution denouncing the Israeli action.

"He has an amazing ability to marry himself to his audience and he's a splendid user of simple words," said Henry Graff, a presidential historian at the Columbia University. "But it may be that his—how should I say this?—his poverty of language gets in the way when he talks off the cuff about foreign affairs."

Bush retreated to the safe confines of a prepared text April 4 to announce a new Middle East policy: He told Israel to withdraw its troops from the West Bank, challenged Arab leaders to stop inciting terrorists and urged Arafat anew to crack down on terrorism. He called Arafat a failed leader who "betrayed the hopes of his people," and has stuck to that stance ever since.

Much of what he said about Israel that day had a shorter shelf life, such as his admonition that the government "show a respect for—and concern about—the dignity of the Palestinian people."

"He is not comfortable with nuance. Nuance is a lesson he missed at Yale. Nuance is what is handed to him" by a speechwriter, said political analyst Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution.

Without a script, Bush can seem hostage to political pressures of the day—or to media interpretation of his off-the-cuff remarks.

On some days, Bush has strongly supported Israel's fight against terrorist bombings. Aides say he considers Sharon's efforts akin to the anti-terrorism war waged by the United States. He also fears recrimination from conservative Republicans who fervently back Israel, party operatives say.

Every shift toward Israel complicated the mission of Secretary of State Colin Powell, who tried in vain last week to convince Palestinians that the White House is evenhanded.

The president sometimes gets pulled the other way, in the direction of the outrage by Muslims over the Israeli offensive. "I meant what I said about withdrawal without delay," he snapped on April 8.

On Friday, one day after tilting toward Israel, Bush expressed sympathy with Palestinians by saying he was concerned about "the living conditions of people throughout the region."

Often, his efforts at rhetorical balance go unnoticed. On March 30, for example, his expression of sympathy for the Israeli cause grabbed headlines while his gentle prodding of Sharon went unnoticed: "I urge that...the Israeli government makes sure that there is a path to peace."

Analysts say Bush may have set himself up for failure by demanding an Israeli withdrawal.

"Sharon was not about to listen," said Richard W. Murphy, a Middle East expert with the Council on Foreign Relations. "Bush is now in a position not easily explained away." ***AP***

Confessions of an e-mail junkie

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

MY relationship with my ISP has been sundered (temporarily, I hope), so for the past week or so, I haven't been getting e-mail through the usual channels. Right now, I feel like an addict quitting cold turkey, resigned to reality but yearning just the same for just one last taste of the forbidden fruit.

Before e-mail entered my life, I couldn't start work on a column without first winning a game of computer solitaire. In the last year or so, I found that before I could even think of the column lead, I would have to first open my "inbox" and read all of my messages. Many times, in the course of running through my correspondence, I would jettison an idea for the column in favor of something I read in my e-mail. And, confession time, after writing what I felt had been a particularly provocative piece, I would eagerly open my "inbox" the next day to see what incendiary missives, or fan letters, had been lobbed at me. Instant feedback is the writer's recreation drug of choice.

I have become an e-mail junkie.

So like any bad habit, it has now come to haunt me. When my ISP and I parted ways, I confidently told everyone they could still e-mail me through my "inquirer.com.ph" address. Too late did I find out that our IT guys had automatically programmed my "inquirer.com.ph" account to forward all my messages to my private e-mail address. No wonder that whenever I opened my INQUIRER inbox, it simply said "this folder empty." So much for my fix for the day.

Anyway, the IT people have already been informed about the catastrophe that befell me, and have promised to re-program my account. By the time you read this, I hope I'll be able to read your feedback sent to rjdavid@inquirer.com.ph.

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IF you want to know how come my relationship with my ISP has been terminated, given my self-confessed "addiction," I'll tell you. Blame it on the teenager in the family. When we first hooked up with my ISP, the hubby (ever thrifty) decided to go for the basic subscription. This made sense, but only if we logged on only to read and respond to e-mail and to transmit my column, which is all the use I need. What we didn't reckon with was our daughter's obsession with online chatting, joining a number of chat groups and tying up the phone lines for hours at a time.

What started as a relatively minor and painless expense has turned into a major budget strain. I myself have gotten tired of my constant harangue: "*Huwag mag-babad sa* Internet (Stop hogging the Internet)!" Pleas which fell on deaf ears (and nimble fingers). We then decreed that the teenager could no longer use our ISP account and would have to rely on pre-paid cards. She did go out and buy cards, but when these ran out (as they often did), she surreptitiously logged on back to the ISP account.

Now I have been the one reduced to sharing pre-paid accounts with her. But when I remind her not to use up too much time on the computer, she retorts: "I'm using my **pre-paid card," even if she bought it with my money, mind.**

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WHAT is the e-mail junkie to do? Right now, I'm using one of my daughter's free e-mail accounts, and so must suffer the indignity of asking my correspondents to write me care of an e-mail address dedicated to Buffy the Vampire Slayer and her true love, the good vampire Angel.

She has a more established and faster account, but has refused to share her password with me, saying I might get to read certain "things" that I shouldn't. Why, I demanded to know, are there people sending you messages not fit for your mother's eyes? As they say, "Ask a stupid question..."

This temporary deprivation has given me a crash course on the world of pre-paid accounts and Internet-based e-mail. I must say I've been spoiled. I've been cocooned in the cushy world of an ISP relationship, where my only responsibility was to pay the monthly service fee. These days, not only do I have to go out and buy pre-paid cards, I must also wait with infinite patience as the sites slowly come to life, put up with the annoying banner ads, and share an inbox with messages on the latest Buffy plotlines and a possible romance between David Boreanaz and Sarah Michelle Geller.

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SO it has come to this. Information technology has made communication faster, easier, more convenient, true. But it also leaves us feeling cruelly orphaned when the technology is snatched out of reach.

Was it just a decade ago when I had to travel all the way from Antipolo to Intramuros, where the old INQUIRER offices were, to write my column? Then, if I didn't have to report for work, I could merely drop off a diskette containing my column and it would magically appear in the paper the next day. Then came the fax machine. No need to commute, just type out the column, print it, then fax it in.

While traveling, I used to have to lug a portable typewriter so I could write my column, then hunt down a telegram outlet to fax my column to the paper. The typewriter was replaced by a laptop and a portable printer, but it was still a chore to find a fax machine. When the office adopted a modem system, I bought a notebook that allowed me to simply call my column in, though I still needed to hook on to a phone jack.

With the advent of e-mail, and the proliferation of cybercafés, I found that I didn't even need to have a computer with me. All I needed was a seat in a cybercafé and an hour or so to compose my column. And, of course, an ISP relationship. That or a cooperative teenager.

The family during moments of ease

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

TAKING advantage of a recent visit by my sister Lilia, a US-based nurse, I proposed a family reunion in Baguio. From a brood of 13 brothers and sisters, eight signed up for the trip with their spouses and children. We came in five vehicles loaded with food, and rented a big house with a kitchen.

None of us ever lived in Baguio but the place held a special meaning for us. When we were young, my parents would bring two children at a time on a bus excursion to this fabled mountain retreat every summer. They could not bring the whole family simply because it was beyond their means to do so. And so the younger ones had to wait for their turn, contenting themselves each year with the vicarious thrill of listening to tales of fun told by returning siblings.

Those were the only times when I saw my parents at ease. My father was engrossed in his work most of the time, and left the raising of the family entirely to my mother. He was a very affectionate parent, but he was a loner when it came to leisure. My mother, on the other hand, worried perennially about making both ends meet and overseeing our education that she hardly relaxed. But once a year, in Baguio, they were the portrait of ease. The photographs we brought home from those precious family outings became for us paradigms of the good life.

It was these memories of Baguio that we wanted so much to re-capture and share with our children. It was our first time to be together as family in Baguio, and we were eager to compare notes of what we remember seeing us children. We revisited all the old landmarks—Burnham Park, Baguio Cathedral, Mansion House, Camp John Hay, Mines View Park, the vegetable market, etc.—quietly hoping to catch a glimpse of something profoundly familiar, something that would evoke a Proustian remembrance.

We used to stay with distant relatives of my mother in Aurora Hill during those annual excursions. But we have lost touch with them, and I could not find their house anymore among the maze of homes that now cover the hill. My sisters spoke of the awesome scenery from the Mines View Park, but when we went there, we began to wonder if it existed at all.

After a sumptuous first meal at Rosebowl, feasting on the same dishes that my father used to order in those days when he was feeling rich, we decided to cook and dine at home. My mother taught all of us how to cook, and over the years, my six sisters have been able to replicate the delicate flavors that my mother produced in her kitchen. As I expected, our meals were the best planned parts of our journey into the past.

We talked and reminisced as we gathered around the kitchen table. The children listened in rapt attention to stories they must have heard many times before from their parents. Still, these tales, embellished over the years, come alive and acquire a truth value with every re-telling. I realized that it is during these moments, when a family is at ease, that goodwill—the courtesy of the heart—flourishes within and across generations.

My father died in 1980. Most of his grandchildren never met him. Yet, they refer to him as if they had always known him. His presence looms in almost all the tales of childhood that have become for us part of the family lore. But more than that, my parents continue to live in the eyes and smiles, and idiosyncrasies of their numerous grandchildren.

I woke up early one morning to find the youngest of my nieces and nephews already at play, and I decided to join them. It was my first time to observe them at close range. I was stunned to realize that they had the same morning nasal allergies that I had seen before in my father and grandfather as well as in my own children and granddaughter. I watched them while they ate, and I recognized some of their habits as my own.

As the eldest in the family, I must have been to many of my nephews and nieces a familiar but remote figure. Our Baguio reunion gave me a chance to initiate interaction with them as if they were my own little brothers and sisters from an earlier time. They talked to me about school and about their aspirations. They asked me about my work, the places I have been to and what I thought about certain things. I found myself talking to them the way my father did during those long bus rides to Baguio, when he was at ease and his time belonged solely to us.

My niece, Kris, who is graduating from a public high school in California, has been offered a scholarship to Berkeley, but her mother is wary of the school's radical orientation. She has not decided what she wants to study, and so we started to talk about career options and courses, and her own personal interests and inclinations. In an instant I was transported to a day in 1963 when I made up my mind to be a sociologist.

"Tito Randy, what does a sociologist do?" asked Pido from out of the blue as we began our descent by the Marcos Highway. Separated from his cousins on the return trip, the 10-year-old son of my brother Bong found himself seated beside me. I thought he was just making polite talk, and so I lent him the motorcycle book I was reading. He was not interested in motorcycles; he wanted to know if sociology would be good for him since he had been thinking, he said, about his future. His earnest and respectful inquisitiveness startled me, and I responded with the longest lecture I ever gave on sociology as a field of study. By the time Pido was done with his questions, we were already in Tarlac.

We came looking for fragments of our childhood in the sights and scents of Baguio, but I wondrously found it among the children I was traveling with.

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Self-interest guides international trade

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

FOR THE COUNTRY'S fruit growers and tuna processors, the biggest pain in the neck today is Australia.

Purportedly for health reasons, Australia has disallowed the importation of Philippine bananas, pineapples and mangoes. The ban is meant to protect its nascent banana industry.

Earlier, the country Down Under, as leader of the Cairns Group (an international lobby group for agriculture trade talks in which the Philippines has been a member for 16 years), turned a deaf ear to the Philippines' appeal for assistance in persuading the European Community to allow the duty-free entry of Philippine tuna into their countries. These countries are poised to give duty-free status to the tuna products of their former colonies in Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific to help improve the latter's economies.

There are speculations that Australia's stonewalling on the Philippines' request is the quid pro quo for the former colonies' promise to increase their purchase of Australian products.

In the meantime, Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II is considering the idea of pulling the Philippines out of the Cairns Group. There is no sense in maintaining membership in a group that does not look after the interests of its members.

With regard to the fruit ban, the country's major milk importers may stop importing Australian milk products if Australia persists in barring the importation of Philippine fruits.

Self-interest

Australia cannot be faulted for taking the protested actions even if it results in straining relations with a country with which it maintains good diplomatic and business relations. Like any self-respecting nation, the interests of the Australian people come first as far as its government is concerned; everything else is secondary.

True, the Philippines is a friend. But in the highly competitive arena of international trade, in case of a conflict between Filipino businessmen and Australian businessmen, expect the Aussie government to use all its resources to make its businessmen trounce their Filipino competitors. And, for that matter, any businessman from any other country.

Pragmatism, not sentimentalism, is the norm of conduct in world commerce. Past good relations or concern for the welfare of foreigners whose lives depend on certain economic activities hardly matter when earning additional revenue or protecting the interests of a sector of a country's economy is involved.

As a political pundit put it, in international relations, "there are no permanent friends or permanent enemies, there are only permanent interests." Countries act in relation with each other depending on what they think are in their people's best interests at the time a particular course of action has to be taken.

A perceived ally today may be a country's enemy tomorrow. Or vice versa. Attitudes and loyalties change with the times.

During the 1950s, the People's Republic of China was accorded leper status by the US government. The latter had only eyes for Taiwan. American presidents acted as if the Chinese mainland did not exist.

But when China's economic muscle started to grow, the United States was quick to drop Taiwan and recognize China as the sole representative of the Chinese people. The economic opportunities that China presented to the United States were too profitable to be ignored.

Influential American business leaders convinced then US President Richard Nixon to rethink the government's policy on China, which was in their view the wave of the future for American products. Sentimental ties had to give way to the realities of international trade.

Motives

There is no such thing as a free lunch in the international community. A country expects to derive some benefit or advantage, whether immediate or at some future date, whenever it does or gives something to another country.

Diplomatic offices are opened and maintained in anticipation of the trade and business opportunities that such relations may generate.

If Australia did not think its products and services can find a favorable market in the Philippines, or that the latter can provide the links that would enable it to influence events in the Asean region, it is doubtful if Australia would have even opened a liaison office here to represent its interests.

Only the naive and hopelessly colonial-minded will believe that Australia maintains diplomatic ties with the Philippines because it loves the Filipinos. The Australians are here because their economic and political interests will be served if they maintain a diplomatic presence here.

When those interests cease to gain any benefit from the diplomatic ties, the Australians, like the Americans in the case of Taiwan, will simply pack up and leave for other more profitable countries.

Countermove

The Philippines will not be violating any rule in international law if it takes steps to blunt the effects of Australia's damaging actions. Short of breaking treaties or going to war, sovereign nations have the right to do anything to protect its citizens from the harmful acts of other countries.

We cannot and should not expect other countries or international organizations to take up the cudgels for us to force Australia to open its market to Philippine fruits or support the Philippines' request for duty-free entry of our tuna products to the European Community.

The effort to force Australia to play by the rules of free global trade will have to be a joint undertaking of the private and government sectors. No one can best articulate and fight for the interests of the Filipinos than the Filipinos themselves.

The only language that Australia will listen to is a strong economic boycott. A serious drop in its lucrative milk, cheese and butter exports to the Philippines will send a strong message that it will pay a high price if it continues to ban the entry of Philippine fruits or refuse to comply with its obligation to assist the Philippines in its dealings with the European Community.

Two years ago, Australia barred the entry of Philippine fruits for some imagined health reasons. In retaliation for that action, the Philippine government clamped down on the importation of Australian cattle. Faced by the prospect of huge losses, Australia grudgingly allowed the importation of Philippine fruits.

It will be an act of patriotism if we do something similar to Australia again.

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TALK of the TOWN

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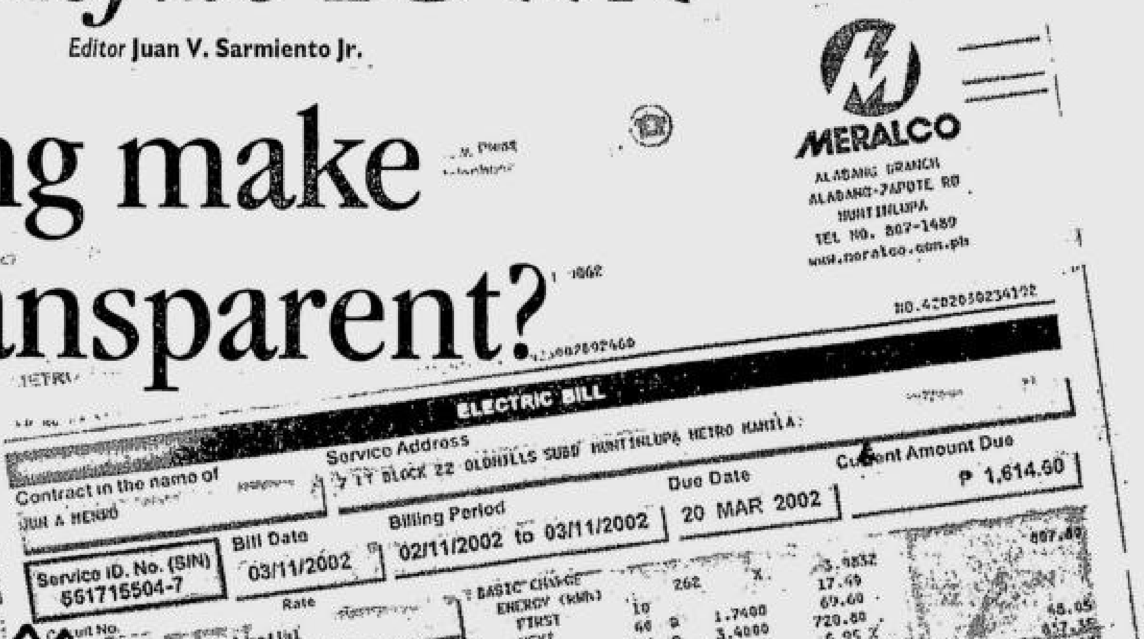
Will unbundling make power rates transparent?

FOR most consumers the existing electricity bill is not easy to understand, as it is as clear as water in a lahar flow. The unbundling of power rates seeks to remedy the problem by itemizing the cost of power into its component parts: generation, transmission, distribution, supply, universal and metering charges. The unbundling applies to Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), the country's biggest power retailer, and more than 130 private distribution utilities and electric cooperatives. It is expected to be adopted by June and will likely lead to power rate increases.

Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr. believes that unbundling will make the billing system transparent because the costs will be itemized. Businessman Raul Concepcion also agrees that unbundling will make the billing system transparent but raises the possibility that Meralco's rates will go up.

Bayan Muna and Meralco's employees union claim that unbundling is not a guarantee for transparent pricing. "The components of these charges, including hidden profits, will still be determined by the power utilities themselves," they say. They add that consumers will still continue to pay for the purchase power adjustment (PPA) which will be incorporated into the other charges.



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Meralco's proposed unbundled billing for 200 kWh

Items	Amount per kWh	Total
• Generation & Transmission Charge	P4.155	P831.00
• Distribution System Charge	2.83	566.00
• Metering Charge	0.17	34.00
• Supply Charge	1.38	276.00
• Universal Charge		
Lifeline Subsidy	0.03	6.00
Regular Subsidy	(1.43)	(286.00)
• Power Act Reduction	(0.30)	(60.00)
TOTAL CHARGES		**P1,367.00**

❑ **Generation charge** refers to the cost of power generated by Napocor, IPPs and private generating companies.

❑ **Transmission charge** refers to Napocor costs acquired in transmitting power to generating plants.

❑ **Distribution charge** refers to the cost of distributing electricity from the 134 private utilities like Meralco and the electric cooperatives to consumers and other end-users.

❑ **Metering charge** refers to the cost associated with operating, maintaining and reading of electric meters.

❑ **Supply charge** refers to the cost related to the rendering of service to customers like billing, collection, handling of customer requests and complaints.

❑ **Universal charge** refers to the stranded costs or losses of Napocor and IPPs that will be passed on to end-users.

❑ **Power Act Reduction** refers to the 30-centavo per kWh rate reduction as a form of relief to consumers when the Electric Power Reform Act was passed.

'Consumers deserve to know every item in the electricity bill'

By Vicente Perez Jr.
Energy Secretary

WHENEVER a housewife receives her electricity bill, the first item that catches her attention is the total amount due. With disbelief, she zeroes in on the four basic items on the bill—the basic rate, the currency adjustment, the purchased power adjustment (PPA) and the Power Act Reduction. She then notices that the PPA accounts for at least half of her bill.

While her monthly electricity bill is "divided" into these components, she remains in the dark about what really makes up her household's electricity bill. Like an accountant, the housewife asks "What really comprise these costs?" At this point, she hungers for the details, as she wants to know the real culprits behind the high electricity rates. Because of printing limitations, the costs are lumped and the real culprits remain hidden, so it seems.

Right to know

We believe that consumers have the right to know. They deserve to know every component of their power rates where part of the family's monthly budget goes. This is what we hope to achieve in the unbundling of the power rates as required by Republic Act 9136, known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001.

The Act seeks, among others, to ensure transparent and reasonable prices of electricity in a regime of free and fair competition with full public accountability to achieve greater efficiency and enhanced competitiveness of Philippine products in the global market.

Section 36 of the Act mandates electric utilities to file for approval with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) within six months from its effectivity, or until Dec. 26, 2001, their revised power rates using end-December 2000 as the base period.

The petition also requires all electric utilities—the National Power Corp. (Napocor), 19 private distribution utilities and 119 electric cooperatives nationwide—to identify and unbundle the charges so that these reflect the cost of providing electricity through generation, transmission, distribution and supply.

With the unbundling of rates, consumers will have a better understanding of the different items they are paying for.

Choice

Transparency in the retail rates becomes significant once "open access" comes in. Open access allows persons and entities located within the franchise of a distribution firm to choose their respective supplier other than the "franchised" utility.

Without transparent unbundled rates, consumers will not have adequate information on which to base their purchasing decisions.

As the supply sector becomes a very competitive business, transparency in retail electricity rates will allow utilities to compete in providing the most efficient service at the least cost.

With unbundling, the costs of management inefficiencies by a utility firm are expected to be laid bare. As a result, these will no longer be passed on to consumers in the guise of normal operating expenses. The ERC, a quasi-judicial body, will set up a strict criteria for determining whether costs of project delays not due to any force majeure, penalties and other disallowances will form part of the utility's normal operating expenditures, which everyone suspects as the cause of ballooning electricity prices.

Subsidies

Not evident in the current structure is the subsidies provided by Napocor and distribution utilities to marginalized sectors. We call these as "cross- subsidies," which come in two forms—the inter-and intra-regional grid cross subsidies.

The Inter-regional grid subsidy is a cost charged to customers located in the viable regional grid, like Luzon, to reduce the electricity rates in a less viable regional grid particularly Mindanao. Intra-regional grid subsidy is passed on to distribution utilities and non-utilities with higher load factor or delivery voltage in order to reduce the electricity rates charged to distribution utilities with lower load factor in the same grid.

There is also an inter-class cross-subsidy, which brings down power rates for specific customers. Here, the industrial and commercial classes assume part of the costs to bring down the rates for residential customers, hospitals and streetlights.

While cross-subsidies have gained popular acceptance, its contribution to the high cost of power has been pointed out as one of the reasons some investors shy away from doing business in the country. The removal of cross-subsidies not later than three years from the effectivity of the Act, or by 2004, is expected to bring the industries to a level playing field with the rest of the Asian region in terms of electricity tariff.

Notwithstanding the removal of cross subsidies, a lifeline rate will still be instituted to help low-income customers, who cannot afford the full cost of electric service. Section 73 of the Act provides for a socialized pricing mechanism called a lifeline rate, which will remain exempted from the cross-subsidy phase-out for a period of 10 years, or unless extended by law. The ERC is required to determine the level of consumption that will apply to them based on the proposal submitted by the utilities located in their respective areas.

As previously mentioned, unbundling will alter the rate structure as well as the existing tariff levels when the new rates will now be based on the period ending December 2000. The present rates of the electric utilities are still based on much earlier periods. In the case of Meralco its rate is still based on 1994 levels.

The ERC has yet to issue a decision on the petitions filed by the utilities, hence any conjecture that electricity rates will go up is premature. The ERC is seriously studying every application, taking into account the welfare of the consumers and the viability of the companies under a liberalized power industry.

'We will still pay for the PPA'

Mike C. Ac-ac
Bayan Muna Partylist
and Allan Eugenio
Meralco Employees and Workers Association

TO ORDINARY consumers, the unbundling of power rates means access to information on the breakdown of the functions and cost of electricity that they pay for. However, it is no guarantee for transparent pricing—nor will it lead to lower prices—of electricity in the country.

For one, consumer access will remain limited. The components of these charges, including hidden profits, will still be determined by the power utilities themselves. In a highly monopolized environment such as the energy sector, prices are dictated by oligopolies and monopolies, not by consumer demand.

But first things first. Unbundling of power rates is nothing new to Filipino consumers, contrary to the notion that it is being introduced for the first time by Republic Act 9136. Even without a power reform law to bind them, power utilities—if they were transparent enough—can readily show to their customers a breakdown of their basic charge.

Pre-PPA era

For instance, Meralco consumers in the "pre-PPA" era would attest that their bills then consisted of itemized charges for generation, distribution and CERA (or Currency Exchange Rate Adjustment). It is of course another story whether they were charging customers

The situation was altered with the partial deregulation of rates at the height of the power crisis. This allowed Napocor, Meralco and other power distributors to charge consumers automatic adjustments under a deregulated environment.

With the introduction of the PPA, Meralco's generation and distribution charges were lumped together to form what we now know as the "basic charge," while the CERA remained a separate billing item.

The PPA was introduced in 1993 by the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB) to pay for additional cost of power generated by Napocor. Years later in 1997 and 2001, the PPA formula was expanded to cover the costs of overpriced power from IPPs, government franchise taxes worth billions of pesos, as well as Meralco's own systems losses, including those "lost" through company-used electricity and jumpers.

Hidden charges

These additional adjustments are essentially "hidden charges" passed on directly to consumers without going through public hearing. All Meralco had to do was provide the ERB with a monthly report of its expenses for purchased power (including unused or idle capacity), systems loss, company-used electricity, etc. These expenses are then summarized in a sheet that indicates the cost of the PPA for the month.

The government's only participation in the entire process is by setting the formula for computing the PPA. The costs factored in are determined solely and arbitrarily by Meralco, Napocor and IPPs. Under these conditions, the PPA grew from only a few centavos several years back to as much as P3.22/kWh as of March.

With unbundling, Meralco's PPA will "disappear" since this will be lumped together with the basic charge and unbundled accordingly. For instance, portions of the PPA that go to Napocor and IPPs will now form part of the generation and transmission charges. Portions of the PPA that go to Meralco will now form part of distribution and supply charges.

Different name

But it's not that simple. The PPA will be "cleaned up" along with the controversial issues and unjustified items that go with it. Consumers will continue to pay for it, albeit under a different name.

What's worse is that government regulation will be eventually removed so that power utilities, including monopolies like Meralco, will be given the free hand to set charges according to their desired return-on-rate base. As the Meralco case has shown, this can be done easily by bloating the rate base to justify higher unbundled rates.

In theory, unbundling should not result in an increase in rates, since you are simply disaggregating it. But this has not been the case in many of the pending cases in the ERC. In fact, power utilities have found a golden opportunity to jack up their prices by inserting rate increases in their unbundling applications.

The experience of consumers in the energy sector shows that transparency cannot result from simple legislation, or simple unbundling of rates.

The issue of transparency and lowering of power rates itself can only be achieved with the dismantling of monopolies in the energy sector composed of foreign transnational companies and their local partners.

But for now, the problem of high power rates can only be mitigated by vigilance on the part of consumers and, if at all, political will on the part of government.

'A qualified yes'

By Raul T. Concepcion
Chair, Consumer & Oil Price Watch

WILL the unbundling of the power rates make the present billing system more transparent? A qualified yes, because it will show consumers what they are actually paying for the electricity they consume. These charges refer to the transmission costs, generation costs, distribution costs, charges in supplying the electricity and universal charge.

If these costs are truly and correctly reflected in the billing system, it will become clear to consumers what part of their payment goes to which item. Consumers will also be able to differentiate the costs charged to them in relation with other countries whose power rates have also been unbundled.

Whenever there is a rate increase, consumers will readily know which unbundled rate has increased. Knowing these, consumers can demand an explanation. Consumers will know which aspect of the electricity business—transmission, generation or distribution—is efficient or not in the delivery of service.

With the implementation of RA 9136, there is the perception that power rates will increase due to factors the public can hardly understand.

Indeed, what does the average Juan de la Cruz know about such factors as systems loss, updating the rates to year 2000 level, return on rate base, appraised value of assets, unbundling of rates and universal charge?

Doubts

Thus, there is urgency in removing doubts as to the transparency or lack of transparency in the billing system. Unbundling power rates, hopefully, will address the need for transparency.

The bottomline—Will the Meralco billing be higher or lower after the unbundling?

Accordingly, for consumers to know and understand the process of rate unbundling and its effects, we suggest that the three government agencies, namely the Private Sector Asset and Liabilities Management Corp., Napocor and the Department of Energy work together with Meralco and the other utilities in presenting clearly and in user-friendly manner, the following:

- What will the Meralco bill look like after unbundling the current power rates (before a rate increase) taking into consideration the whole process of delivering electricity (i.e., transmission, generation and distribution).
- What will the Meralco bill look like after unbundling the higher power rates as mandated by RA 9136.
- Through this method, electricity users will understand how much they will have to pay—and the increase or decrease for each component in the unbundled rate.

The public must be informed of the breakdown of the stranded cost (losses).

Stranded cost

In the final analysis, it is the consumers and the government that will have to absorb the stranded costs or losses on more than 40 power supply contracts, even if these are not operating due to excess installed capacity.

Therefore, there is a need to understand the rationale by informing the public of the increase in the PPA annually since 1993 from the basic rate of P1.8743 per kWh, and a breakdown of the cost to operate each power plant whether owned by Napocor, Napocor-IPP operated at its rated capacity and the life of the contracts.

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MILAN SKYSCRAPER CRASH

Spectacular suicide not ruled out

MILAN—Italian investigators trying to find out why a light plane smashed into a high-rise building in Milan were Friday focusing on the thesis of an accident but would not rule out a spectacular suicide bid.

An inquiry by the national agency for flight security (ENSV) is "working on the hypothesis of an accident and not an act of sabotage," the agency's spokesperson Adalberto Pellegrino said.

But Italian Transport Minister Pietro Lunardi said the incident might have been because the pilot committed suicide, adding "there is something strange about it."

"The type of target and the way it was carried out are impressive," he said.

Despite immediate fears that Italy was living its own version of Sept. 11, the authorities quickly ruled out a terrorist attack after the incident on Thursday, which left pilot Luigi Fasulo and two women workers in the building dead.

"A terrorist would have packed the plane with explosives and would have chosen a time when there were more people in the building," Lunardi said Friday.

The single-engined Rockwell Commander crashed Thursday into the 25th and 26th floors of Milan's landmark 30-story Pirelli tower, the seat of the Lombardy regional government.

Italy's civil aviation authority, ENSV, which is conducting a separate inquiry into the incident, said their preliminary inquiries also suggested the crash was an accident.

"But we can exclude nothing that might have led to such an accident, such as technical problems or illness, nor can we rule out the theory that it might have been a suicide," an ENSV spokesperson said.

In the Tessin region in southern Switzerland, where the plane took off from Thursday, Swiss authorities also opened their own inquiry into the incident, and said they were working with Italian officials. *AFP*

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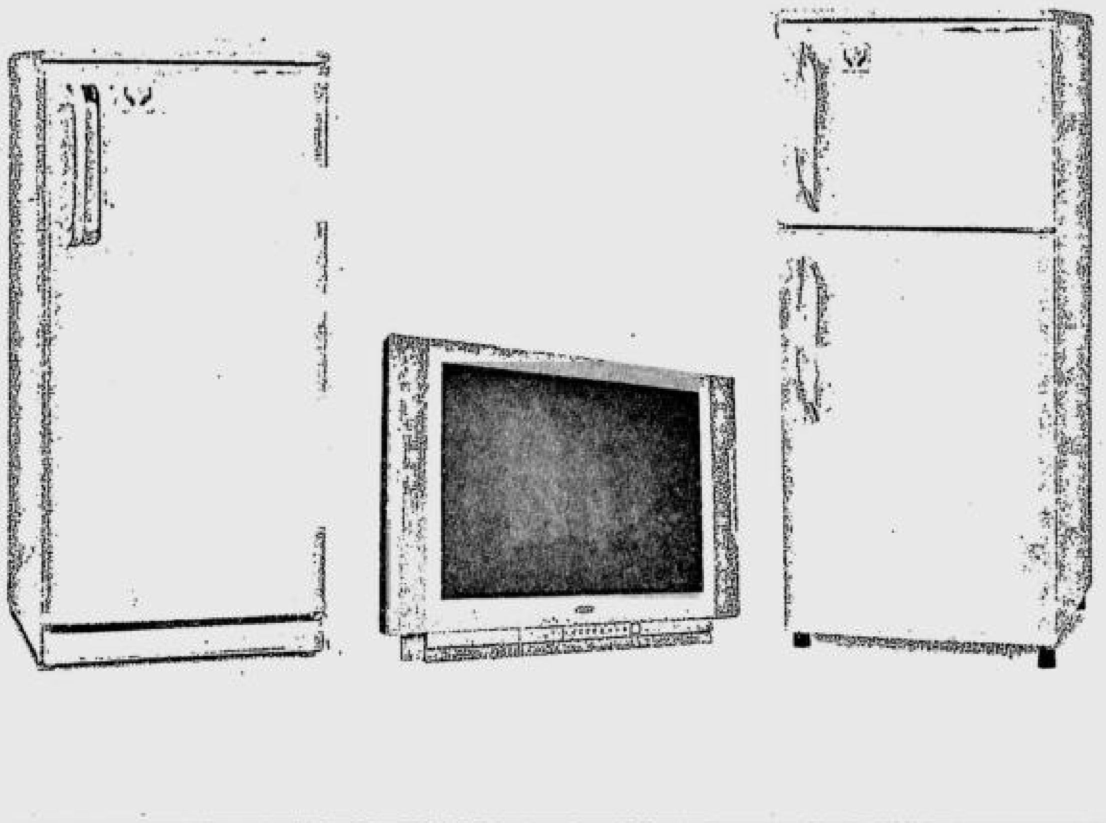

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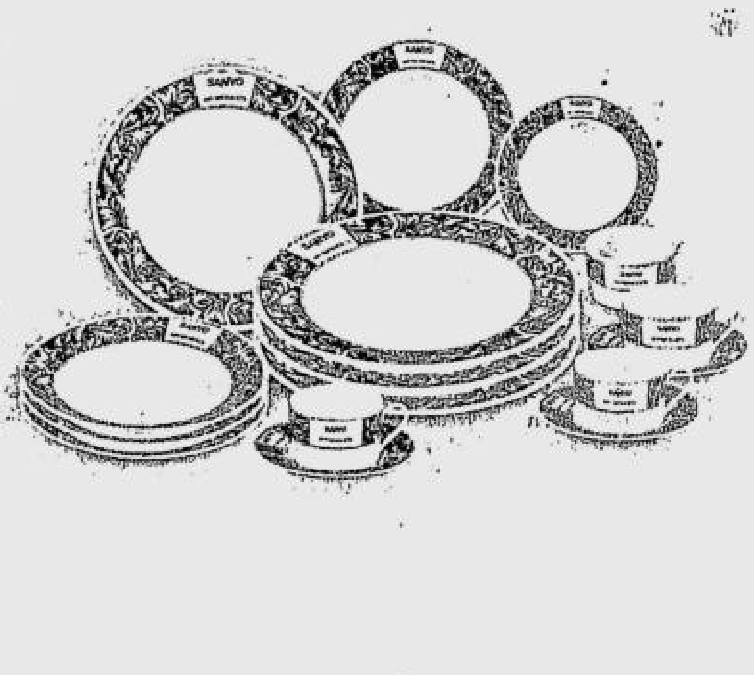

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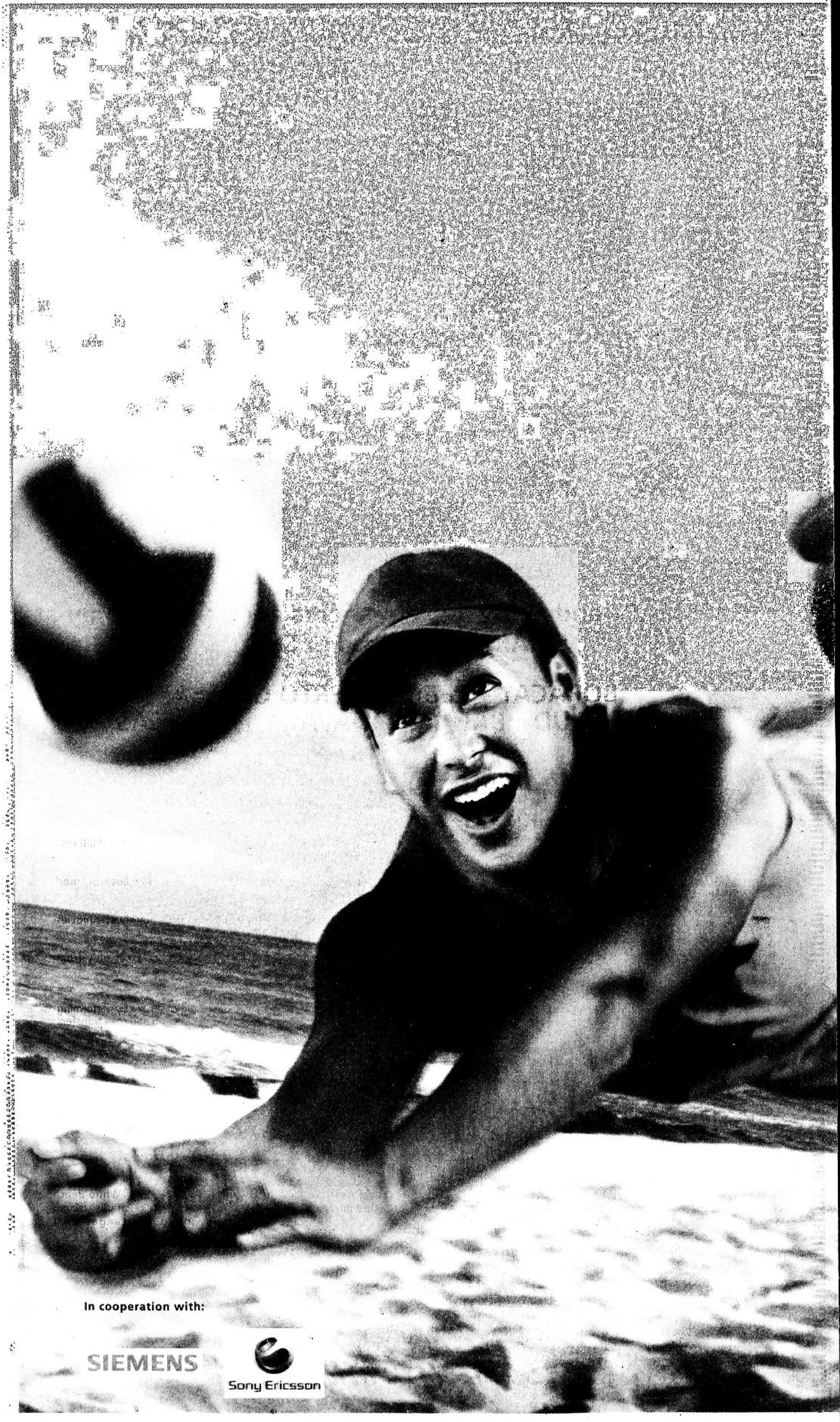

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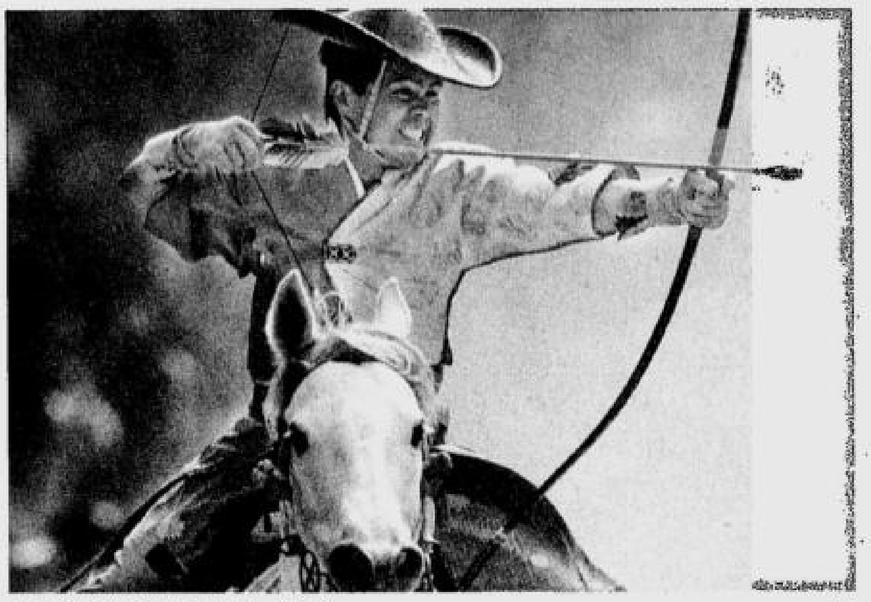

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FBI warns terrorists may attack United States banks

WASHINGTON—The US Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a new security alert Friday, warning of the possibility of terrorist attacks against financial institutions in the eastern United States.

"The United States government has received unsubstantiated information that unspecified terrorists are considering physical attacks against US financial institutions in the Northeast—particularly banks—as part of their campaign against US financial interests," the FBI said in a statement.

"While the FBI has no information about any specific plot or threats to any specific institution, out of an abundance of caution, an alert has been transmitted to law enforcement and to financial institutions."

It was the second warning of its kind made by federal officials this week. The first was prompted by an anonymous telephone call received Sunday from the Netherlands through Canada that later turned out to be a false alarm.

The alert focused on Washington and the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

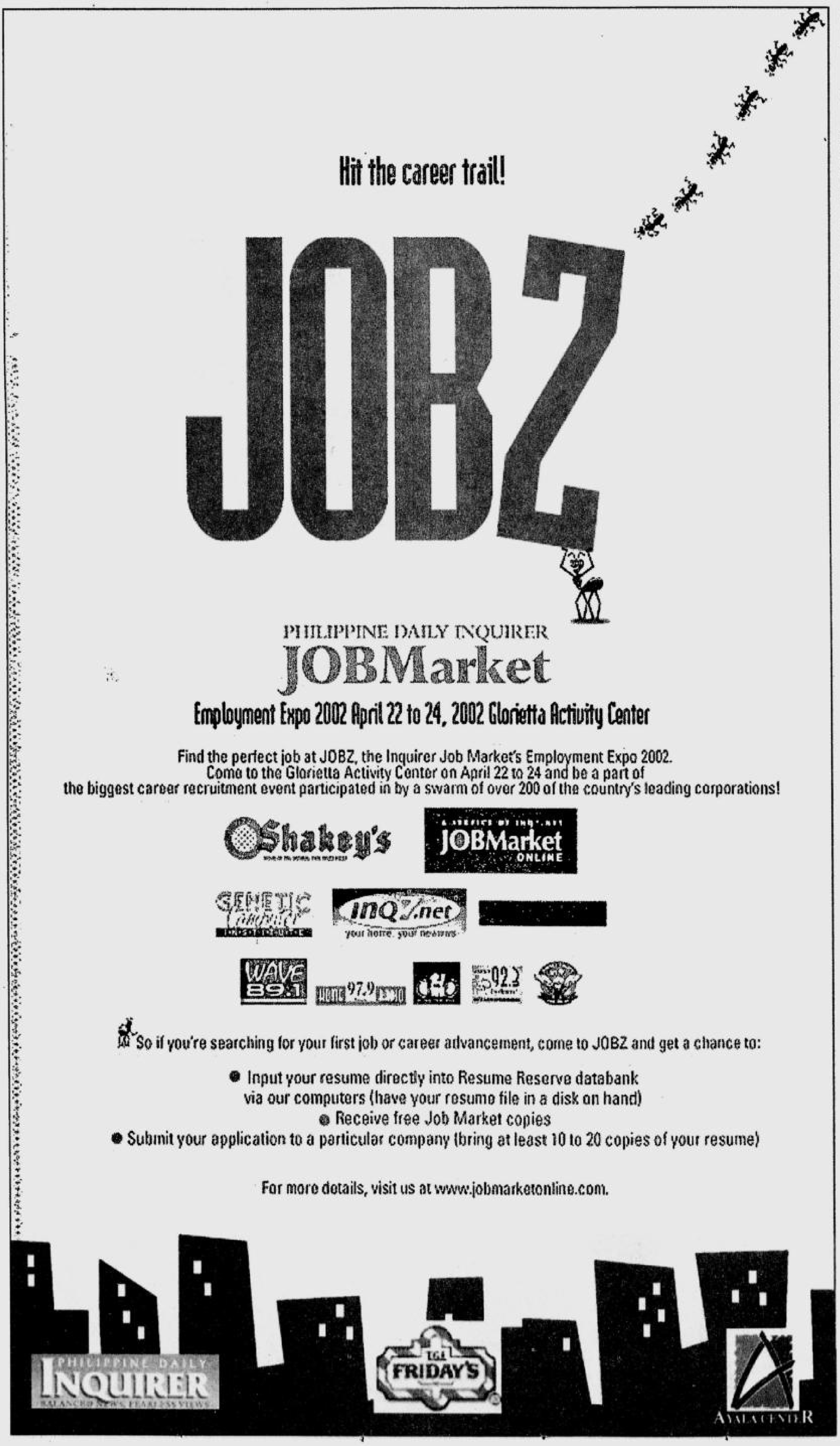
The FBI said the decision to issue the alert was made after if consultations with the department of justice, the office of homeland security and the treasury department.

Attorney General John Ashcroft explained the US government was not asking the banks to close, or urging people to stay away from them.

"We are alerting law enforcement, financial institutions, and the American people to be vigilant, and to be aware of anything that appears suspicious," he said in a statement.

The attorney general said he was not aware of any specific threat to any specific financial institution.

But he pointed out that during the war against terrorism, the United States had developed numerous sources of new information and was constantly analyzing and assessing intelligence received from them. *AFP*



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Officials probe US human mad cow disease case

ATLANTA—Scientists and beef industry officials said on Friday there was no reason for US consumers to be concerned about a report that health authorities were investigating the first suspected case of the human form of mad cow disease in the United States.

The Florida Department of Health said it and the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were studying a likely case of new variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease (vCJD) in a 22-year-old British citizen living in Florida. They said the victim probably contracted the disease overseas.

"We're actually very confident that this is a case of imported variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease," said John Agwunobi, secretary for the Florida Department of Health.

Britain first detected mad cow in herds in 1986 and was blamed for exporting the disease, which triggered consumer panic in other European countries and forced the destruction of thousands of herds of cattle. An outbreak of the disease last year in Japan cost the agriculture industry almost $3 billion.

Despite reassurance from US officials, cattle futures sped sharply lower on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange amid concerns the case could hurt demand for beef. Traders said it added to bearish fundamentals already in the cattle market.

Agwunobi said the infected woman, whose family was interviewed, had lived in the United States since the early 1990s.

"We're of the opinion that this is a situation where an individual came in contact with affected cattle products, probably in another country, moved to the United States and began to develop symptoms here," Agwunobi added.

"We're also very confident that no cattle or cattle products in the United States have ever been identified as being contaminated with mad cow disease," he said. *Reuters*

US Catholics upbeat about Vatican meeting

WASHINTON—US Roman Catholics hope intervention by Pope John Paul II will help turn the page on a string of child molestation scandals implicating dozens of clergymembers.

The 13 US cardinals have been summoned to the Vatican for working meetings April 23 and 24, part of a process designed to transparently address the flagrant abuses of power and position committed by a number of priests.

"The Holy Father has a better grip on the severity of the problem," said Michael Hurley, a spokesperson for the Conference of Catholic Bishops, after a group of US bishops recently briefed the Vatican.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the archbishop of Washington, expressed hope Tuesday that the meeting called by the Holy See would lead to a "real solution on a national level," and provide a policy to guarantee, "as much as you can with human beings, that this will not continue and will not happen again."

Patrick Scully, the spokesperson for the New York-based Catholic League civil rights group, said ideally, the meeting in Rome "is an opportunity to turn the corner on this scandal."

But while the cardinals are likely to come home "with a clear idea of what to do," Scully said ruefully, if people think the church will change its teachings as a result, "that's not going to happen."

Some in the church have sought to minimize the gravity of the situation by emphasizing the small number of priests actually implicated in the molestation of hundreds of young boys, and some girls, over the course of decades.

Just 1.6 to two percent of the 45,000 ordained priests working in the United States are implicated in the scandals, according to figures tabulated by the Catholic Directory.

"It is also important to underscore that all the cases are from 20 or 30 years ago, not from the last 15 years," said Father Richard John Neuhaus, the editor of the conservative religious journal "First Things." *AFP*

Canada wants answers on Afghan bombing deaths

OTTAWA—Canadian and US military police were on the ground in Afghanistan on Friday to find out why a US jet mistakenly bombed and killed four Canadian soldiers as the public here, confronted by the pictures and words of grieving friends and families, clamored for answers.

"We want to get all of the information, we want to get a thorough investigation of this matter so we can get the answers as to what happened here and what we can do to prevent these kinds of things from happening again," Defense Minister Art Eggleton told Parliament.

Eggleton has announced the creation of a board of inquiry—headed by former chief of defense staff Maurice Baril—which is due to report within 60 days.

Among the questions the inquiry will tackle is how best to conduct live-fire exercises in conflict zones, how to ensure coordination between ground and air forces and how to ensure communications between the forces of different nations.

But Baril told a news conference there was no guarantee his probe would be able to question the US servicemen involved in the accident, although one of the Canadian board members would be sitting on a parallel US inquiry and would be able to ask questions in that forum.

US President George W. Bush pledged a thorough investigation on Thursday but some Canadian politicians took offense that the US leader did not initially express his sympathy in public.

Bush did convey sorrow on Friday for the accident which also wounded eight Canadian soldiers, two of them critically.

"It was a terrible accident," Bush told reporters during a tour of a Secret Service training facility near Washington.

"I wish we could bring them back. We can't. We'll find out what took place."

The pilot of an F-16, who US officials have said thought he was being fired on from the ground, dropped a laser-guided bomb on the Canadians, who were engaged in live-fire training exercises south of Kandahar.

But the soldiers of the Third Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry had only been firing on surface targets in a recognized training ground, and Canada's top general, Ray Henault, said the US commander in the region had been fully informed of the exercise before it began.

The chair of the US joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Richard Myers, said the US investigation would be headed by a one-star officer who is an F-16 pilot and would be examining evidence in the region over the next 36 hours.

But in an interview with PBS television's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," Myers said the cause was still unknown despite comments by some US officials that the pilot thought he was being fired upon from the ground.

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Bodyguard may testify against 'Baretta' star

LOS ANGELES—One day after Robert Blake was arrested for murdering his wife, pressure mounted on his alleged accomplice to cut a deal with prosecutors and testify against the "Baretta" star, lawyers close to the case said on Friday.

Cary Goldstein, a lawyer for the family of the murdered woman, 44-year-old Bonny Lee Bakley, said he expected Blake's bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, to cooperate with authorities in exchange for leniency in his own case.

Caldwell, 46, who was arrested along with the actor on Thursday, is charged with murder conspiracy, even though he was out of town on the night that Bakley was shot to death as she sat in the passenger seat of Blake's sportscar on a dark street.

"I don't know for sure but I think that Earle may be prepared to roll over if he hasn't already," Goldstein said. "I think the only thing stopping him from cooperating so far has been that Blake is paying for his lawyer."

Blake's high-profile defense attorney, Harland Braun, told CNN in an interview that police were putting pressure on Caldwell to testify against the 68-year-old actor, but that he had refused because he had no information to offer them.

"I know they are desperately trying to get Earle Caldwell to turn on Robert Blake," Braun told the network's "Larry King Live" program. "They told him last night that if he would cooperate he could go home and sleep in his own bed."

Police, who have been tight-lipped about the evidence against Blake and Caldwell, refused to say if the bodyguard had spoken to detectives. But LAPD spokesperson Jim Tatreau said Caldwell had not been offered leniency to testify against Blake.

A MAY 2001 file photo shows Blake hugging his 11-month daughter during a brief funeral ceremony in Los Angeles for his slain wife, Bonny Lee Bakley. AFP

Blake, who was arrested on Thursday after an 11-month investigation into his wife's death, will face one count of murder with special circumstances that could carry the death penalty, and two counts of soliciting murder.

Police believe that Blake, bound by marriage and a baby to a wife he hated and fed up because he couldn't find a hit man to do the grim job, took matters into his own hands and shot Bakley death in his car on the night of May 4, 2001 with a German-made Walther PPK handgun.

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Engineers of ill-fated train saw damaged track

CRESCENT CITY, Fla.—The engineer of an ill-fated Amtrak train in Florida thought he saw damaged track coming up fast just before he hit the emergency brakes and the train derailed, killing four passengers and injuring 159 others, investigators said on Friday.

"There was some sort of track irregularity (and) he reacted with the emergency brakes," National Transportation Safety Board investigator George Black said of Thursday's Auto Train derailment near the town of Crescent City.

Investigators will not know for months what caused the popular train, loaded with 452 people and 200 automobiles, to jump the tracks about an hour after it left an Orlando suburb on its all night trip to the Washington, D.C., area.

Many of the train's 418 passengers were senior citizens traveling between northern homes and winter retreats. Some were settling in for dinner when disaster struck.

"We felt two hard braking movements and then you could feel things were going wrong," said Don Sein, a passenger from Troy, New York. "It wasn't a smooth track any more. And then everyone just held on as the train went off the track."

Officials said 21 of the train's 40 cars derailed, including 14 of the 16 passenger cars. Seven flipped on their sides, lying along the mangled track in a zigzag pattern.

Passengers escaped through windows, while dozens were trapped inside for hours as darkness fell in the remote wooded area.

The death toll was lowered from six to four with 159 people treated at area hospitals for injuries, some serious. Twenty-seven people remained hospitalized. Three of the four people who died were ejected from the train. The fourth body was found inside a damaged car, investigators said.

Authorities believe that all missing people had been accounted for.

Black did not elaborate on the engineer's comments about possible damaged track other than to say the problem was described as a misalignment.

He said investigators planned to talk with the engineer at length Friday night.

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NPA recruits to counter Balikatan?

BAGUIO CITY—Three hundred Kabataang Makabayan members have joined the New People's Army operating in the Cordillera in what could be the rebels' move to counter threats posed by American troops participating in the Balikatan exercises.

The recruits were welcomed into the NPA in ceremonies held early this year in an undisclosed province in the Cordillera, an INQUIRER source said.

Composed of KM-Datako members, aged 17 to 24, the recruits successfully passed military academy training courses where they underwent lessons in basic military tactics and philosophies.

"This is a guerrilla type of training . . . But the important thing is, (the recruits) were able to grasp and (apply) the courses," said Ka Dino, a KM-Datako member.

He said the recruits would be assigned to the Cordillera and Ilocos regions.

"But not all of them would be regular (NPA) members. We can choose a hundred of them to join the group. As of now, we are still dealing with the age of these youths who want to be regularized, but the increase (in the number) of those who want to participate (in the underground movement) is significant, especially now that there is growing sentiment against the Balikatan exercises," he said.

Earlier, a member of the NPA's Leonardo Pacsi Command operating in Mt. Province said the rebels are not attacking but are "preparing if the government and American aggression reach their territories."

In a recent issue of Ang Bayan, the underground paper of the Communist Party of the Philippines, party chair Armando Liwanag claimed that the party has increased its strength by 129 percent from 1994 to 2001.

He said the NPA is now operating in 128 guerrilla fronts in 823 towns and cities. ***Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Mud buries 5 in Baguio flood control project

BAGUIO CITY—Five workers were buried by mud on Friday when a ground wall of a massive drainage restoration project collapsed right outside a shopping mall on Magsaysay Avenue here.

Rescued were Sevilliano Donato, 63, Ray Bugarin, 49, Manuel Dereje, 52, John Sarmiento, 48, and Mario Balcita, 45, all workers of Goldrich Constructions Inc. They were treated for bruises at the Baguio General Hospital.

City officials immediately pressed for a technical review of the P41-million project aimed at preventing massive flooding in the area.

Goldrich, the project contractor, had been digging up 500 meters of the road stretch since April 3 to uncover a 1908 drainage tunnel built by the American colonial government when it designed Baguio City from the ground up.

The aging tunnel has showed signs of decay, said engineer Brigitte Ancheta, who penetrated the tunnel following Baguio's first massive flood after Typhoon "Goring" struck in 1993.

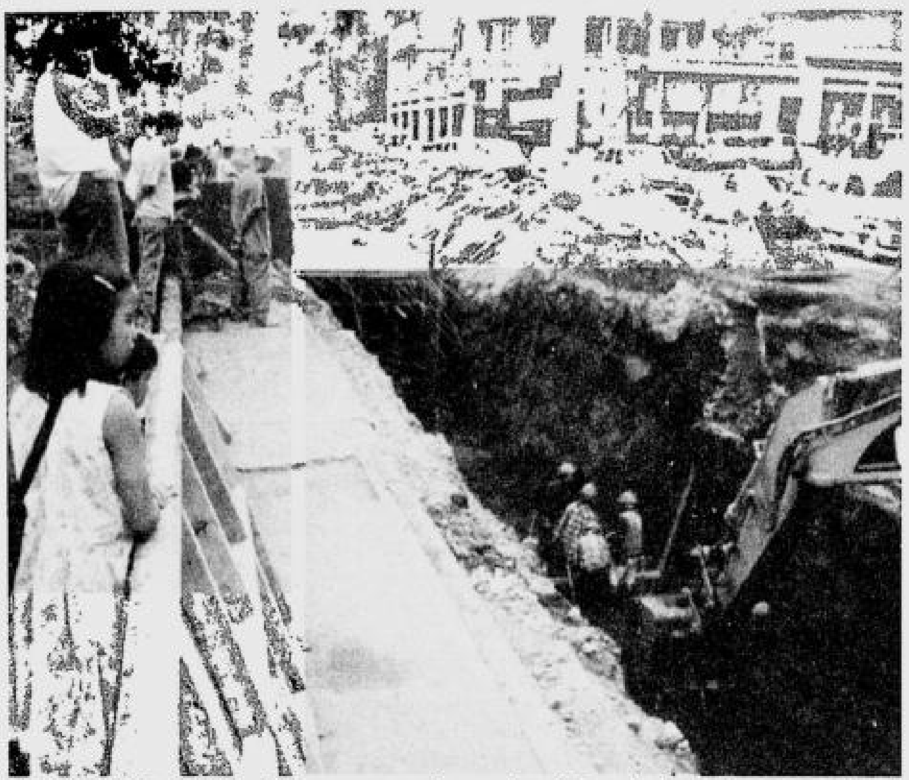
Based on Ancheta's findings, the head of public utilities services office, Oscar Flores, urged City Hall in 1993 to build an alternative drainage system. Flores said the American tunnel was unable to contain run-off water generated by the city's present population.

But the project was implemented only two weeks ago, partly in reaction to Typhoon "Feria's" devastating floods in July last year.

Members of the city council wanted the Department of Public Works and Highways to include a geological hazard report as well as an engineering profile of the tunnel's outlet.

Vice Mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda also suggested the exploration of an integrated plan to recycle drainage water.

She cited the five-foot high floodwaters that buried 8.75 square meters of downtown Baguio at the height of Typhoon Feria. ***Vincent Cabreza, Jovelyn Reyes and Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***



THE GROUND wall of a drainage restoration project in Baguio City collapses. EV ESPIRITU

Tarlac town execs sue landfill investors, CDC

CAPAS, Tarlac—Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan led a group of local government officials, school heads, priests and civil society members in filing before the Supreme Court a class suit against the construction of a 100-hectare landfill at Sitio Kalangitan in Barangay Cut-Cut here.

Named respondents were the Clark Development Corp., the German consortium Ingenierburo Birkham + Nolte GMBH and Heers Brockstedt GMBH and Co. KG and its Philippine representative, the BN Consultants Phil. Inc.

The move came three weeks after the provincial board gave its "conditional support" for the landfill project to be developed jointly by the CDC and the German consortium in a village located 500 meters from a resettlement site for victims of the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions.

Last year, then Environment Secretary Antonio Cerilles issued an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the CDC project. This sparked a massive protest action from local officials and residents.

The petitioners in the class suit said the ECC and the provincial board's approval of the landfill project left them with no choice.

They said the CDC, the German consortium and its Philippine counterpart were "anchoring the purported legality of their acts in proceeding with the construction of the sanitary landfill" upon the ECC and the provincial board resolution.

"This complaint partakes of the nature of a class suit which is being pursued and instituted by the petitioners for themselves and in behalf of the other residents of (Capas)," they said.

The petitioners said while other residents "share (with them) a common general interest on the subject matter of the controversy... (they) are so numerous that it is impractical to join them in this complaint."

Aside from Catacutan, other signatories in the complaint include Capas Vice Mayor Alfonso Sicat, Bamban Vice Mayor Ernesto Go, town councilors, village officials and parish priests in Bamban and Capas.

"The (law) mandates that the implementation of projects for the conversion into alternative productive uses of the military reservations is urgent and necessary and shall not be restrained or enjoined except by an order issued by the Supreme Court," the complaint said.

Before the provincial board issued the resolution favoring the landfill project, it conducted hearings that were marred by controversies.

In a hearing on Jan. 10, Catacutan and his supporters walked out after Vice Gov. Marcelino Aganon Jr. allegedly prevented them from giving their side. ***Russell Arador, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Police ordered to monitor militant groups in S. Mindanao

MATI, Davao Oriental—The regional police command here has ordered its provincial offices in Southern Mindanao to monitor the activities of militant groups like the party-list group Bayan Muna and Anakbayan, which are suspected to be the propaganda arms of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

The order came amid government troops' intensified crackdown on the communist New People's Army.

Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, regional police chief, who presided over a command conference at the Menzi Hotel here recently, said Bayan Muna and its affiliate groups Anakbayan and Karapatan are "mouthpieces" of the NPA.

Police forces were ordered to "record, take photos or video and identify personalities" of the activist groups during their street rallies.

Bayan Muna, however, said it has anticipated a crackdown on their groups, adding that "safety measures" have been undertaken to protect their members from illegal arrests.

The group also accused the military's 30th Special Forces Company of confiscating hundreds of Bayan Muna t-shirts in Cateel town recently.

But Maj. Alexis Gopico, chief of the 8th Special Forces Battalion, denied the allegations.

Joel Virador, Bayan Muna spokesperson in Southern Mindanao and secretary general of Karapatan, described Matillano's order as "shades of Martial Law under the democratic set up."

"That's anti-people. It is suppressing the legitimate people's organizations," he said.

Virador said they would bring the issue to the streets. ***Ferdinand O. Zuasola and Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

'I don't care if she was a communist'—Pimentel

DAVAO CITY—Sen. Aquilino Pimentel is pushing for an inquiry into the death of human rights worker Benjaline Hernandez and her companions in Arakan Valley, Cotabato, on April 5.

"I don't care if she was a communist... nobody has the right to kill extrajudicially," Pimentel said, referring to the military's claim that Hernandez and three of her companions were killed in a "legitimate encounter."

Pimentel said he would give the Commission on Human Rights the chance to conduct an investigation but, if a coverup would come in, he would look into it.

He said there must be basis for him or the Senate to give further action on the Arakan Valley incident especially on reports that Hernandez and her companions were summarily executed.

Pimentel has already asked the Senate committee on justice and human rights to look into the incident.

Karapatan had claimed that members of the 12th Special Forces and militiamen summarily executed Hernandez and her companions.

The military, however, said they were killed in a legitimate encounter between government forces and the New People's Army rebels.

Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol supported the Army's claim. He even cited entries in Hernandez's diary of her alleged involvement in the communist guerrilla movement.

But Pimentel said Hernandez's being a communist does not give anyone the right to execute her summarily.

"It is distressing to note these summary killings. You are robbing out people of their right to live because of their views," Pimentel said. ***Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

NEA exec orders coop records transferred to safer area

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Tension rose yesterday at the office of Aklan Electric Cooperative (Akelco) after officials of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) reportedly forced themselves into the office of Akelco general manager Leovigildo Mationg and confiscated documents and office equipment.

Mationg claimed that at least 15 men including policemen barged into his personal office at the second floor of the Akelco main office along F. Quimpo Street, Kalibo at around 8:30 a.m. yesterday and took away vouchers, receipts and power bills. "They even took away computers and typewriters that I own," Mationg said in a phone interview with the INQUIRER.

He said the men were led by Arnel Aben, head of the three-member NEA management team that took over the operations of Akelco.

Radio station dyRU based in Kalibo reported that NEA administrator Fr. Francisco Silva issued a directive to transfer "important" documents from the Akelco office in Kalibo to Lezo town because of threats that the documents will be burned.

The INQUIRER tried to reach Aben but an employee at the Akelco office said he was in a conference.

Wilfredo Billena, newly appointed Akelco executive officer, confirmed that the documents have been transferred but said he was not aware of any order from Silva.

Silva on Thursday appointed Billena, general manager of the Iloilo Electric Cooperative I, to run the debt-ridden cooperative until elections for members of the nine-member board of directors are held.

Silva also ordered the full takeover of the cooperative by NEA after he declared all members of the board of directors inactive during a congressional inquiry on alleged irregularities and mismanagement of Akelco in Boracay Island.

Mationg who said he is still the general manager after the NEA takeover said Aben did not present any documents when he confiscated the documents and office equipment.

"But if there is any directive, that's illegal," he said, adding that only the general assembly of the cooperative can decide on the transfer of the Akelco office.

Mationg has been accused of turning the Akelco from among the cooperatives belonging to the Class A category to Class E, the lowest.

But he has accused his political rivals, Rep. Gabrielle Calizo and Gov. Florencio Miraflores, of being behind moves to oust him.

The crisis reached its peak last month after a three-day blackout hit the province when the Napocor cut off electricity for the failure of the cooperative to settle its debts amounting to P109 million.

Power was restored after the NEA management team took over on March 20.

ROUNDUP

Japanese son kidnapped

STA. ROSA, Laguna—Five armed men wearing bonnet masks kidnapped a six-year-old son of a Japanese national, killed two members of the household and hog-tied the child's mother and two others on Tuesday night. Police identified the kidnapped victim as Takeshi Bartolay Adashi and those slain as Nancy Bartolay, aunt of the child, and Nelson Aglahi, family driver. Maria Teresa Bartolay, mother of the kidnapped victim, Rosalyn Vargas and Analyn Vargas were found inside the other room with both hands and feet tied and their mouths plastered. The incident happened at about 11:30 p.m., April 16 at the victims' residence at Villa Esmeralda, San Lorenzo South, Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Teresa Bartolay said she recognized one of the kidnappers as Reynaldo Gutierrez, who was among those who constructed their house. Her husband was in Japan during the incident.

Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Father, son killed

RIZAL, Laguna—A father and his son who were deep in sleep were killed in cold blood by four unidentified gunmen wielding armalite rifles and handguns and wearing black bonnet masks in Barangay Antipolo, this town, recently. Police identified the victims as Jose Matabang, 33, and his son Jaypee, 3. The incident happened inside the residence of the victims who were asleep. The elder victim's wife told authorities that four men came to their house very early in the morning while she was doing some laundry near the house. Police said the elder victim had a past record of killing a person somewhere in Batangas several years ago.

Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Police seize shabu

SAN PABLO CITY—Police arrested 97 persons involved in shabu and seized about 527 grams of the prohibited drug worth P527,300 in separate operations. Also arrested were 84 persons involved in illegal gambling. Newly installed PNP city chief Supt. Rolando Huelgas told the City Peace and Order Council that during the first quarter of this year, the police solved 98 percent of the crimes, compared with 92 percent in the same period last year. Huelgas said those arrested and detained are now facing criminal charges in the courts.

Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Getting used to 4 days

MATI, Davao Oriental—Employees at the provincial capitol here are slowly adjusting to the newly enforced four-day work week schedule and the extended office hours, but an official said it would take some time before the public gets used to it. Under a memorandum earlier issued by Gov. Maria Elena Palma Gil, the official working hours are from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 6 p.m. "Our employees are adjusting to the new schedule. They are reporting to the office very early and going home late. But I think the public has to know of these new working hours for April and May because at 7 a.m. or beyond 5 p.m., nobody transacts business. They are used to the old schedule," provincial administrator Alex Lipae said.

Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Drought damages crops

ZAMBOANGA CITY—City Agriculturist Eduardo Angeles said the onset of El Niño has damaged rice, corn, vegetables and other high value crops planted to more than 1,000 hectares of land here. Field reports show that some 1,085 hectares of crops, amounting to some P6.5 million, have been damaged, Angeles said. "This poses a serious problem to us when the actual El Niño hits us this July," he said. Most of the affected areas are in the Curuan and Vitali districts in the eastern portion of the city. To cushion the impact of the damage, Angeles said he already requested Mayor Maria Clara Lobregat to include P6 million in the supplemental budget for 2002.

Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Laoag	Partly cloudy to cloudy	HI 33° Lo 24°
Clark Zone	Partly cloudy to cloudy	HI 34° Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Partly cloudy to cloudy	HI 32° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Partly cloudy to cloudy	HI 32° Lo 25°
Calapan	Partly cloudy to cloudy	HI 32° Lo 24°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with rains	HI 34° Lo 26°
Roxas	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 27°
Cebu	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Tacloban	Cloudy with rains	HI 34° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with rains	HI 33° Lo 23°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with rains	HI 31° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with rains	HI 31° Lo 25°

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Empowering people to protect their life-source

By Joey R.B. Lozano
Mati, Davao Oriental

"*BASIN mapatikan mi'g* 666," (We were afraid that the devil would come to us), Salvacion Balanay of Sitio Baybay, Barangay Mamali recalls before she became a member of a people's organization now active in rehabilitating and protecting their immediate environment.

Others like her echoed the same apprehension at the initiatives of a "leftist" parish priest who also happens to be the head of a group that calls itself Anawim, a Hebrew word meaning "poor of Yahweh."

It was in 1995 when Fr. Medardo Salomea set foot in this town's Barangay Dawan, some 15 kilometers from the town center, to open the Birhen de Guia Parish. He has no qualms denying that he belonged to a bigger group of church people who fought the Marcos dictatorship.

Those were the days of Paolo Freire's Liberation Theology. It is one that demanded excellent organizing and "conscientization" skills. These are attributes often linked to "communists."

The parishioners that Father Meds, as he is fondly called, set out to serve fall under the category that liberation theologians call PDOE (poor, deprived, oppressed and exploited). But it is not a condition brought forth by dictatorship or Martial Law. It is a plight caused by the people's deprivation from the control of an already deteriorated "life-source."

Life-source

The area covered by the Birhen de Guia parish is a mix of Tausug, Mandaya and settlers who are all dependent on the land and sea for a living. "They are the life-source of the populace," Father Meds says referring to the remaining forest, the hilly terrain and the sea.

The people's impoverished condition is largely due to the assault against the environment from which they derive their livelihood. The problem is compounded by the fact that the people are not given space in determining the use and control of their resources, the priest added.

This reality gave birth to the Interfaith Movement for Peace, Empowerment and Development or Impede. It sought to help the poor realize that the power to decide their fate resides in them. Suspicions that it is leftist and, in the words of Balanay "associated with the devil," met Impede's gradual "conscientization" work.

We later realized, Balanay revealed, that it was for the benefit of our families. "We received a kind of education that were never given to us before."

It was their realization that their children's future is at stake that they began to act as a group with definite and achievable objectives, the priest added.

Soon, upland residents initiated socio-economic projects to augment their income, while waiting to reap the fruits of their sloping agricultural land technology introduced earlier.

Coastal residents engaged in mangrove reforestation along the Balete Bay. To date, about five hectares had been rehabilitated. We can see that fish and crabs are coming back to life, Balanay notes.

In due time, the people began appreciating the inter-relatedness of living and non-living things, adds Lilia Paglinawan, program officer of Impede. In 1999, they formed the Balete Bay Biodiversity and Coastal Resource Management Project.

Testing "people power"

The 725-hectare Balete Bay is considered to be Mati's food basket.

"There were plenty of fish then. All you have to do is look in the corals, you can literally harvest fish with bare hands," Dedicacion Baliguia reminisces. "It's hard to get a good catch now," she added.

Most of the corals are now buried in knee-deep silt.

It is also reportedly the major reason for the death of the Capiz shell industry that used to thrive in Sitio Bigue. The residents put the blame on the quarry operation of the Davao Union Cement Corporations (DUCC) just a few kilometers up the bay. The company, on the other hand, also blames upland farmers.

"We concede that farmers do contribute to the siltation. But look, we are using only the tip of plows and *bolos* to farm while DUCC uses bulldozers to move earth," Arnuldo Baliguia, vice chair of a fisherfolk federation, countered.

A massive campaign by residents against the company successfully blocked a planned quarry expansion that would have worsened the siltation problem.

The "power" that the residents found in themselves led them to expand their action. They set sight on the Barangay Macambol forests where they suspected a massive illegal operation by an IFMA (Integrated Forestry Management Agreement) holder. They feared that run-offs from the area would severely affect Pujada Bay, a protected seascape and landscape by virtue of a 1994 presidential proclamation.

Last May, despite attempts by the company to bar an environmental investigation mission, the residents were able to sneak into the forest and found more that 400 illegally cut logs. Photos and video footage were taken to serve as evidence. As a result, company operation was stopped and a number of local and regional environment officials were also suspended.

Pay-off

A number of government agencies soon started to note the success of the residents' assertion and capability to protect and manage their immediate environment. Funds and projects began to flow. Stewardship of Balete Bay was finally awarded last year to the federation of fisherfolk organizations.

"Funds are not the indication of the success of the people's movement," Father Salomea asserted.

"It is the local government units' realization that the people are capable of doing what they (government officials) are primarily responsible for."

The organizing success is attributed to the "family grouping" approach, the priest explained. This entails doing away with the conventional individual membership in running an organization.

Families of a particular area can meet anytime and do away with formalities. Family members can also discuss problems even over the dining table. All efforts are geared toward a unique Filipino trait—the *bayanihan* system, Father Salomea explained.

New threat

There is enough reason for residents to bask in their recent accomplishments. But they do not. There is the larger threat that looms ahead—nickel mining. Where they have succeeded in stopping illegal logging operations, companies are now awaiting the go-signal to commence exploration within an 18,000-hectare area.

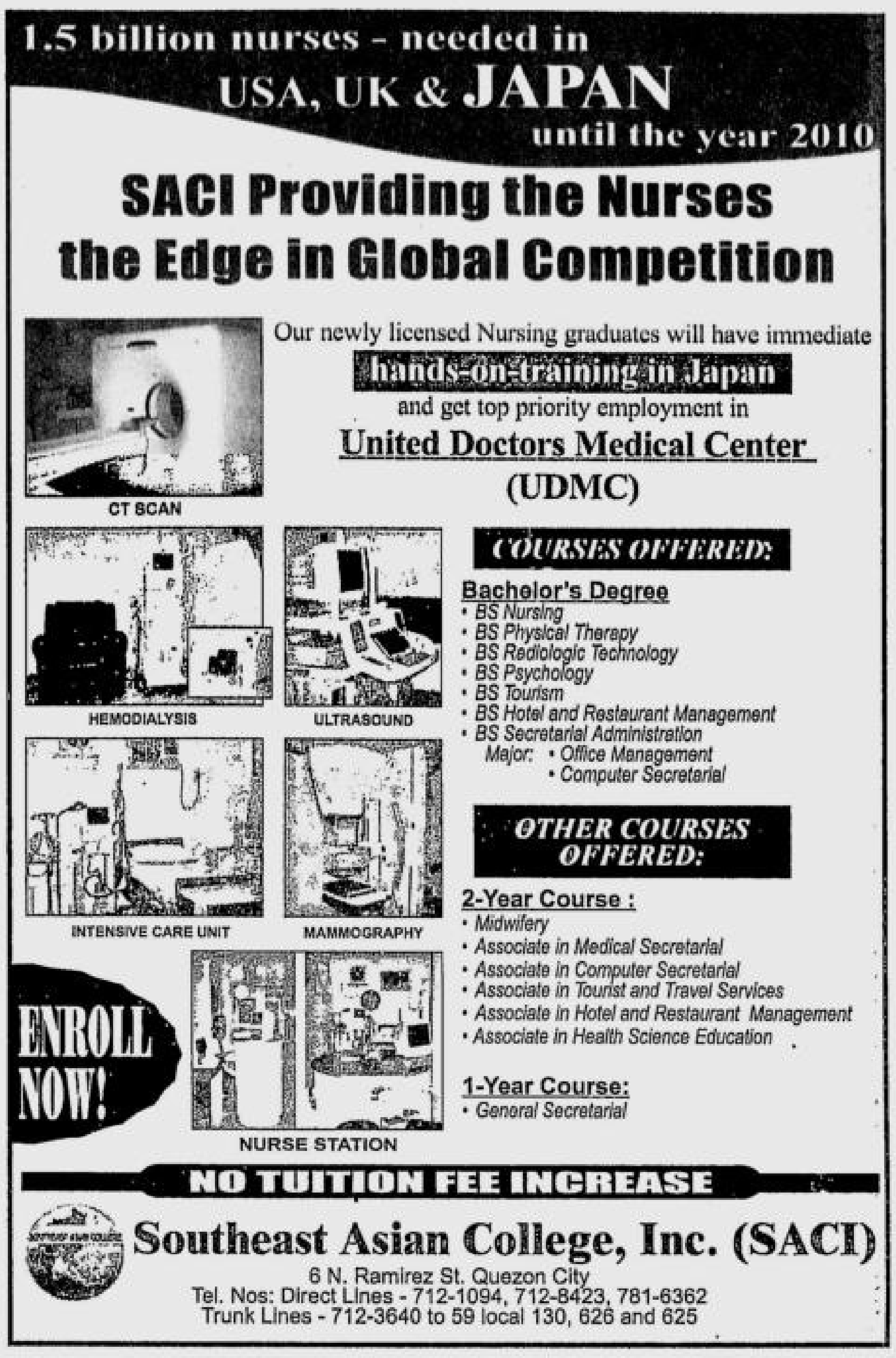
Without naming names, they allege that some government officials have manipulated community consultations to make it appear that the residents accepted the proposed mining project.

But they remain un-cowed. "Battle plans" against the project are being laid down. National and international groups have thrown their support in behalf of the communities that would potentially be affected.

The residents are optimistic that, as in the past, they would succeed in protecting their immediate environment. And it pays, they say, that we now believe in our own capacities to do so.

Indeed, one cannot easily discount a poor but empowered people in protecting their and their children's "life-source" even when a push had turned to shove.

A FISHERMAN from Sitio Bigue, Dawan, Mati, Davao Oriental, walks on the knee-deep silt largely blamed on the Davao Union Cement Corp.
JOEY R.B. LOZANO



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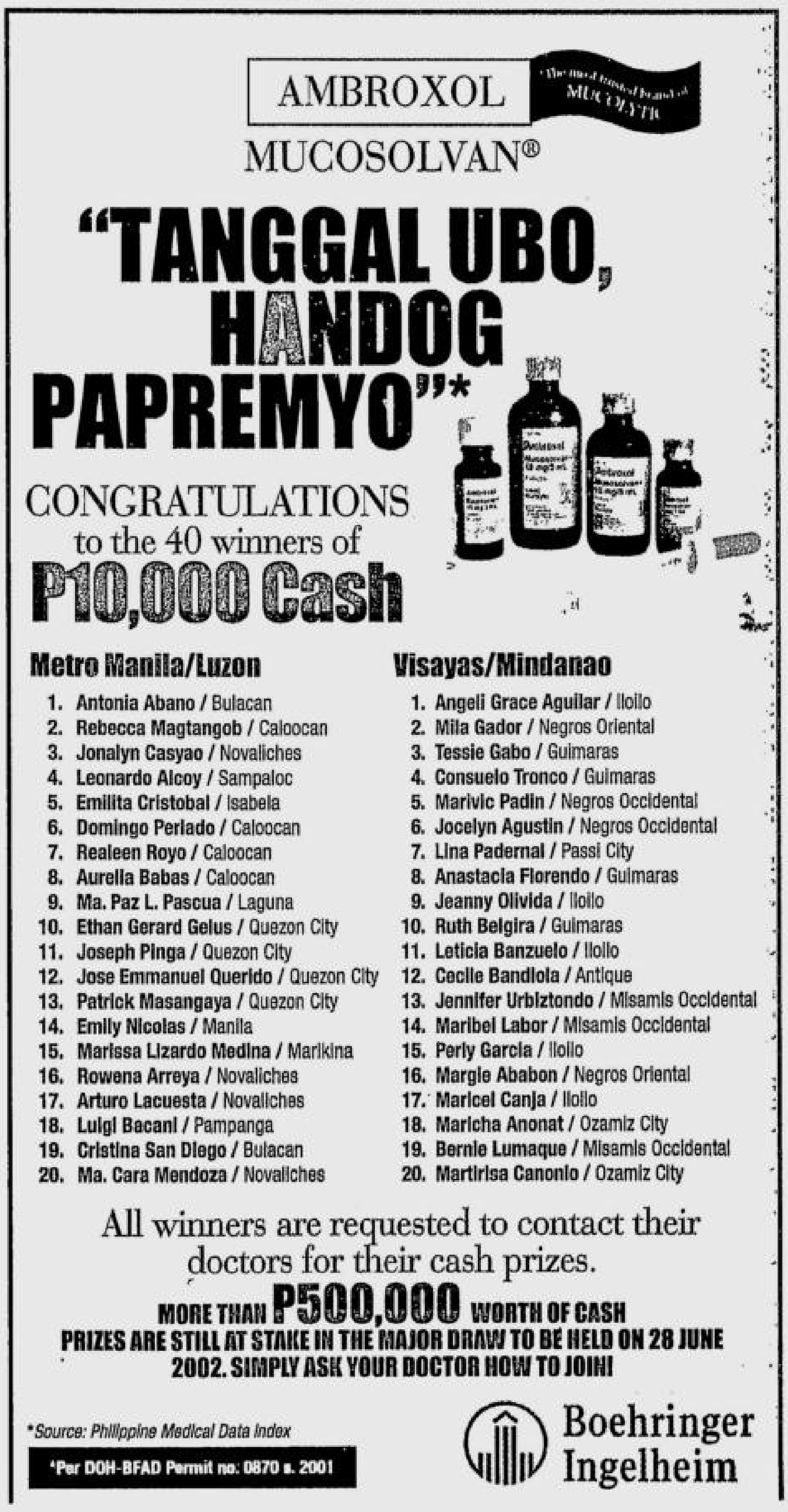

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Judge lets justice go to the dogs

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with his dogs.

30 dogs

Excluding the hounds that he had lent to friends for breeding, Cabredo keeps 30 dogs in his house.

Among them are mestizos, Japanese dogs, Chihuahua, German Shepherd and Dachshund.

A one-year-old German Shepherd named Stanley is the most expensive, costing P18,000 when he bought it from a friend. The others were given for free by friends and relatives.

"They (dogs) are my best guards and my good company here in the house. When I'm tired, I really want them to keep me company," he said.

"If you see dogs in a house you are hesitant to enter," Cabredo said.

Instead of a security guard, he prefers dogs who are, according to him, very loyal to their boss and protective of each family member.

His canine friends are deployed in every corner of the house. Stanley and another dog named Viper take care of the security on the second floor. Shados and Andrei are assigned on the ground floor near the kitchen. Black and Baby Pandak are posted at the gate while the others are free to roam around the premises at the Sunrise Subdivision, Washington Drive, in this city.

Aside from providing security for him and his family, Cabredo relishes the company of dogs. His two children are grown. A son is a doctor of medicine, and his daughter is a pharmacist.

His wife, Susana Caretas-Cabredo, a doctor of philosophy, is busy with her work as vice president of Bicol University.

Servant

The judge is his dogs' best friends and caregiver.

"In the Tabaco RTC offices, being the executive judge, I am the boss but here in my own residence I am the servant," he told the INQUIRER.

Cabredo said that somebody brings his attaché case to the office after he disembarks from his car and sometimes, his officemates buy food for him.

"But in my house, I do a lot of things just to serve my favorite pets. I myself do the buying of food (for the dogs) and I clean their waste inside and outside the house," he said.

JUDGE ARNULFO CABREDO: Relishes going to the dogs, among them, a German Shepherd named Stanley which costs him P18,000.
JOB BELEN/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

His houseboy, Romeo, helps him to bathe all the dogs before the judge goes to court. Romeo also has to walk each dog for about 30 minutes daily.

Each dog also has its own soap and shampoo, Cabredo said.

Expensive

Cabredo buys a sack of rice every 15 days or two sacks a month and 5 kilos of pork or beef to feed his colony of dogs.

He used to serve dog food but shifted to fare fit for human consumption such as rice, vegetables, fish, meat, *dilis* (dried *bolinao* fish) and cooked pechay, *kangkong*, or cabbage.

He seldom buys fish for his own family as he usually goes fishing on weekends with his friends and of course, a dog.

Cabredo does not keep track of the expenses incurred by his loving tender care for his dogs. After all, what's a few pesos between friends who also secure your home for free?

Not only dogs take a big bite out of the household budget. Cabredo also takes care of turtles, lovebirds, Chinese chicken, reptiles and aquarium fish.

He said that in his younger days in Barangay Bonga, Bacacay, Albay, his hometown, he was fond of hunting wild pigs and birds.

Cabredo became a judge in 1993 after serving for more than 10 years as a prosecutor in the Legazpi City Prosecutors' Office.

He said every decision he has promulgated has been a result of careful and judicious study and review, based strictly on the law. And after playing with his pets.

"If a judge commits an error in his decision, he will be slapped by the Supreme Court with 'ignorance of the law' with corresponding fines or sanctions, but if the SC commits an error, it is the law of the land," he noted in jest.

US navymen may stay on

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within which to complete their projects.

"They will do their projects simultaneously and will rush them before the rainy season starts," Detoyato said in a phone interview. "After that, they will leave. They have no intention of staying longer."

The US contingent, composed of 280 Navy Seabees and 60 Marines, landed around 7:30 a.m. on Barangay Tabiawan in Isabela City, Basilan.

Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar grinned from ear to ear as he watched the Americans disembark and unload heavy equipment from the Okinawa-based USS Germantown.

"My happiness is indescribable, my dream is now starting to materialize," he told the INQUIRER. "I know that I can die 10 times and not be able to purchase this equipment for my people."

The Americans unloaded eight graders, 11 bulldozers, seven pocket loaders, six compactors, eight cargo trucks, 10 dump trucks, two tractor trailers, a crane, two excavators and a water wheel drilling ridge.

Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, Balikatan co-director, said these would help the Seabees in constructing and developing an airstrip, a sea port, various roads and a water system on the island.

But amid the welcoming mood, Basilan Bishop Martin Jumoad aired his anxieties to the INQUIRER.

"I really welcome their good gesture, no doubt about that, but I cannot understand why there is a need to extend their stay here. I am now becoming apprehensive of their real intention," he said.

Jumoad said he had been made to understand that the US troops were taking part in the Balikatan solely to enhance the Philippine military's capability to crush the Abu Sayyaf, which is still holding hostage an American missionary couple and a Filipino nurse.

"All I knew was that it would be for plain military exercises only," he said. "(Now they) will be in Basilan for a long period of time. I'm getting confused."

Jumoad said that because of the additional deployment of US troops, he would call an emergency meeting with his priests, nuns and other church workers.

"(The extension) was not included in the plan," he said.

6 years

But Akbar said he wanted the six-month Balikatan exercise extended up to six years.

"Six months are not enough for a comprehensive program," he said. "Six years would be the ideal length of extension."

Akbar found an unlikely ally in his political adversary, Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin, although like Jumoad, the congressman has some reservations.

"I welcome the presence of the American forces and the extension of their (job) in Basilan, provided that the people will be properly consulted. The terms of reference (governing Balikatan 02-1) should be also amended," Salapuddin said.

In Malacañang, acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable also agreed that the Seabees were not bound to the duration of Balikatan 02-1.

"Of course they cannot leave if their work is not yet finished," he said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo approved on Friday the deployment in Basilan of the additional US troops. Malacañang said the Seabees were coming in to complement the Balikatan's civic-action component, Task Force Gentle Wind.

Golez yesterday said the new arrivals still had to consult with local officials the infrastructure projects they planned to undertake.

"It's a general list but subject to change," he said.

In a statement issued later, Golez hailed the arrival of the US engineering team as a "major milestone in the resurgent RP-US military relations."

Golez further said, "Detractors say it's an insult to Filipino engineers. I believe it is they who are insulting the intelligence of Filipinos. After assaulting the sensitivities of Filipinos by importing a group of foreigners to investigate the military, they now want to sabotage the $4-million program."

He was referring to an international team that visited the South last month to look into the military's alleged human rights abuses.

No expansion plans

In Washington, US Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters that the United States had "no current plans to expand" the kind of work the US military was doing in the Philippines to other countries in the region.

"They've requested, and we've agreed to provide, some joint training, where our forces are there working with them with respect to things like intelligence and logistics and communications and that type of thing," he said. "It's going quite well. It'll have a beginning and an end."

Referring to the Seabees' construction work, Rumsfeld said: "We're going to be doing that for a relatively brief period."

Detoyato said a battalion of engineers from the Philippine Army would help the Seabees in the projects.

Among other things, the Seabees are to pave a 60-kilometer impassable portion of a circumferential road. The portion includes the stretch from Lamitan to Tipo-tipo, Tipo-tipo to Maluso, and Lamitan to Maluso.

"They plan to turn it into an all-weather road," Detoyato said.

Balikatan co-director Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio said a detailed security plan had been laid down for the Seabees.

He said the AFP was working with the Philippine National Police so that the job of the US engineers would go unhampered.

Teodosio downplayed the Abu Sayyaf's capability to launch major disturbances in Basilan.

'The continuous pursuit operation and military offensive against the local terrorists have really pushed them outside of the province for good, so we don't see any risk for the US engineers," he said.

The newly arrived troops are joining 660 American soldiers, including 160 Green Berets, now deployed in Basilan and Zamboanga City.

SWS survey

Malacañang welcomed the news that in a Social Weather Stations survey, 76 percent of the respondents said they favored the presence and indefinite stay of US soldiers in combat zones in Mindanao.

Afable said this reaffirmed a previous survey wherein more than 80 percent of the respondents said they favored the Balikatan 02-1 exercise.

"The government is confident that with the clear mission of a combined training exercise and civic action, support for the Balikatan 02-1 exercise will be sustained or even enhanced," he said.

But an administration congressman warned the United States not to exploit the survey results.

"The support found in the survey simply expresses growing public impatience over the continuing failure of the administration to crush the Abu Sayyaf terrorism, but in no way does it condone involvement of the US military in actual combat in Mindanao," said Bulacan Rep. Willie B. Villarama (Aksyon).

Villarama, chief of staff of Ms Macapagal when she was Vice President, reminded the Americans that they could not stay in Basilan and other areas in Mindanao longer than six months without violating the terms of reference of Balikatan 02-1.

Moreover, it is illegal under the Philippine Constitution for US troops to get involved in actual combat, he pointed out.

Villarama said the survey results did not reflect the actual sentiment of the whole Filipino nation, and took a swipe at the government's all-out support for the continuing and growing US military presence. ***With reports from Juliet L. Javellana in Manila; AP***

Igorot nuns turn to organic farming for 'healing earth'

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mint lemon grass for tea, occasional cabbages and lettuce, and citrus fruits.

Biogas mechanics

The SIHM has also been instrumental in propagating biogas systems in isolated towns of Kalinga, as well as the farming towns of Buguias and Kabayan, in Benguet.

To date, the Tuding Sisters have managed to convince many of their community households to use the methane gas by-product of the biogas system for cooking.

The SIHM sisters, some of them trained as biogas "mechanics," are also mapping out the conversion of their biogas system into a small power plant that can supply the whole SIHM convent with electricity.

"We know what we do can be funny (to observers). We wake up early and we take turns manually turning the lever (that stirs toilet waste that is sealed in concrete biogas converters). Turning this lever is our workout," Pugong said.

"Yet for a while, when we were starting out with this project, we were very afraid because the smell was overwhelming, we were worried the neighbors would complain."

But the Tuding Sisters pursued their goals in the name of "a much higher order."

"(The Roman Catholic Church's Jubilee Year) in 2000, became our time for reflection. (And we realized) that we were getting sick. And we reflected and we had (to face the facts) that we were not living well. We ate junk food, and we drank soft drinks, and we were living with pollution," Pugong said.

Igorot roots

The SIHM superior took stock of her nuns' conditions, and was perplexed to discover that their convent was dominated by retired and novice Igorot sisters.

"I asked myself, 'Have we forgotten our Igorot roots? Have we been disregarding our indigenous practices?' I decided we needed a change.' Here we were evangelizing about a healing earth, an earth filled with life, when we were not living life so well at all," Pugong said.

To restore a "healing earth," she said the convent's Igorot legacy prompted them to review their childhood experiences, to draw some lessons from their ingenuity.

"We realized that as Igorots sisters, we had a better understanding of the earth, because we all worked with earth. In our villages, we play on the earth, we plant on the earth, we cherish the earth. We are perhaps the only few sisters in this part of the world who can grasp a mound of earth or hold up a large wiggly earthworm and not feel ashamed or disgusted," she said.

Missing

"I have to tell you. Before we started this mission, we did not even have earthworms in our gardens, because the acidity of the mining operations in Itogon may have destroyed some of our soil."

She said God led her to the ecological path after her insight about the missing earthworms.

Accidentally coming across literature on the government's unsuccessful biogas campaign of the 1980s, Pugong and her fellow nuns attended seminars, forums and dialogues about ecological waste management and the biogas system.

What followed was a test of resilience for the SIHM convent. Pugong saved close to P50,000 to set up a complete biosphere that thrives on biological organics.

She built a biocomposting shed, which is connected to a system that processes the methane gas by-product into fuel for cooking.

The biological waste ferments for two months to generate the gaseous by-product. The nuns help the process by churning the materials by twisting a metal lever manually each day.

The remaining organic effluents are deposited in a series of settling ponds, filled with watercress that acts as regulators. The effluents serve as clean fertilizer for the SIHM Bugan Bio-gardens, which feed both the convent and the barangay.

New lifestyle

The system has altered the convent's lifestyle because the whole ecology suffers little wastage.

The sisters abhor plastics and warn visitors about their hostility to cellophane bags.

The sisters even control the diet of their pig farm because the hogs' waste has caused the biogas system to clog up.

"We learned to feed our pigs bananas, and little of the commercial feeds to keep our bio gas going," Pugong said.

Their biogas mission has since vindicated the nuns' Igorot lifestyles.

"Now we are healthier, and stronger. Other nuns (of other convents have started) to emulate our lifestyle and we welcome them. And we no longer hide our heads during meetings with other sisters. Now we are proud to be Igorot sisters," Pugong said.

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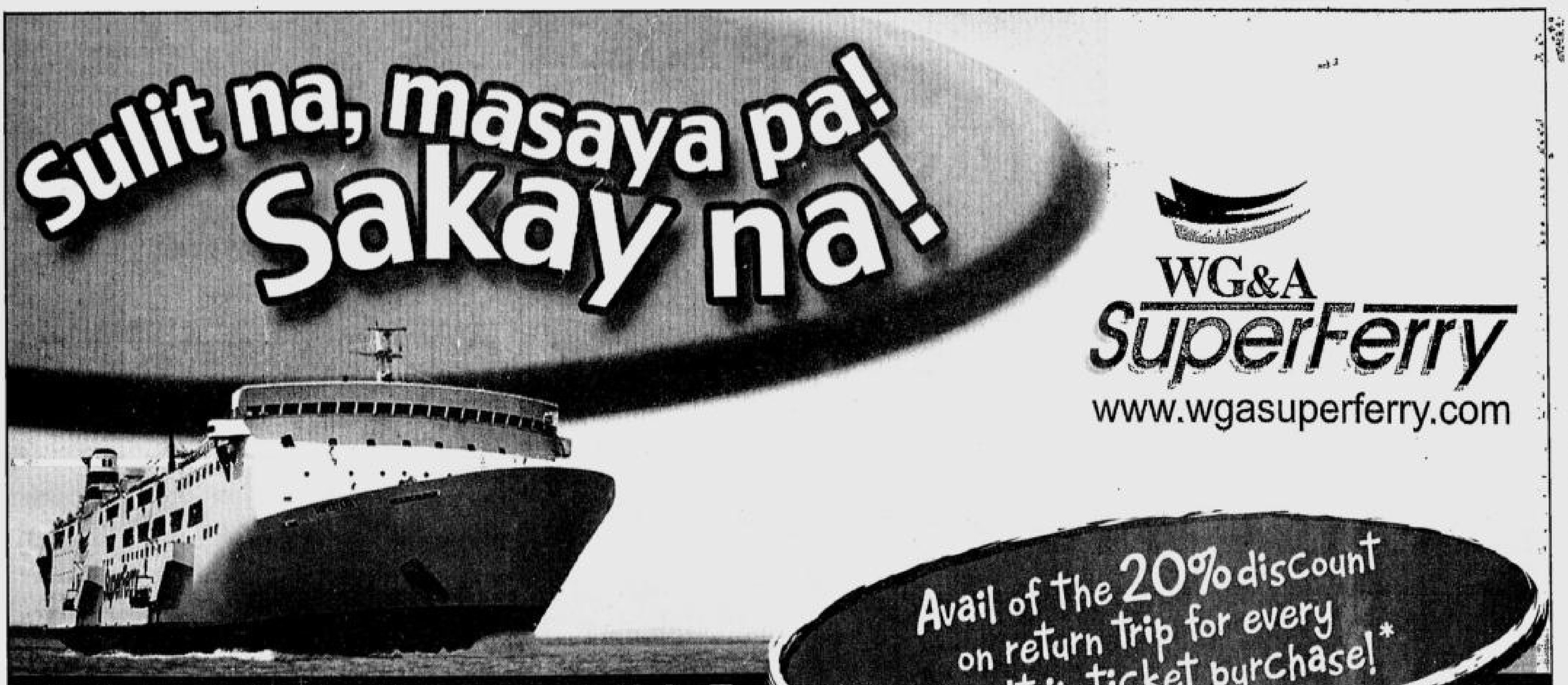
LIFESTYLE conversion for Immaculate Heart of Mary nuns at Itogon, Benguet means the daily twisting of a lever to hasten the fermentation of biological waste.



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From CAGAYAN de ORO

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From CEBU

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From CORON

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P. PRINCESA	SAT	7:00 am	OLOM	CORON	SAT	8:00 pm	PPS
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From DIPOLOG

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MANILA	THU	4:00 pm	OLOS	MBT	FRI	11:00 am	P14

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From PUERTO PRINCESA

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Playoffs on; McGrady fit to play for Magic

Yao gets green light in draft

By Lorenzo Manguiat

YAO MING, the highly touted 7-foot-6 center from China, was finally allowed to enter the National Basketball Association draft on June after powering the Shanghai Sharks to its first ever Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) title Friday night via a 123-122 victory over the Bayi Rockets in Game 4 of a best-of-five finals series in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province.

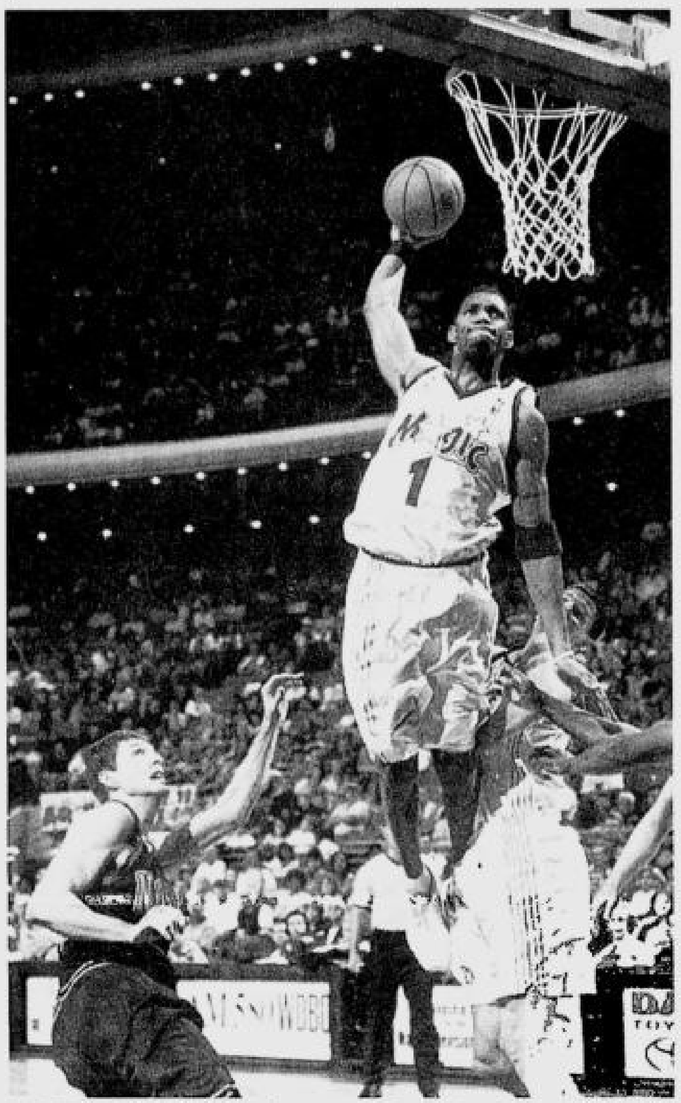
"Yao Ming opened the door to the NBA and deserved the chance to play there. The club and the Chinese Basketball Management Center allow him to go to the NBA this season," said Shanghai Sharks club director Bai Li in *Xinhuanet.Com*.

The 21-year-old Yao, who will turn 22 in September, was expected to join last year's draft, but was not released by his mother club.

He vowed to lead the Sharks to the title prior to the start of the season and fulfilled his promise by dominating the finals, averaging 41.3 points and 22.8 rebounds.

The Sharks' triumph finally ended the Rockets six-year reign as CBA champions. Shanghai topped the regular season with a 23-1 record.

A favorite to be the number overall pick in the draft, Yao will join Chinese National Team teammates Wang Zhizhi of the Dallas Mavericks and Menk Bateer of the Denver Nuggets in the NBA. The three big men are better known as the "Walking Great Wall of China."



MCGRADY (1), Magic's main man, soars for a slam dunk. FILE PHOTO

ORLANDO, Florida—Healthy or not, Tracy McGrady can't see himself missing the start of the NBA playoffs.

Orlando's All-Star guard tested his ailing back in practice Friday, then pronounced himself ready to play in Game 1 of the Magic's best-of-five series against the Charlotte Hornets.

"My back's feeling a little better though not 100 percent," McGrady said before the team flew to Charlotte, where the first two games will be played Saturday (Sunday in Manila) and Tuesday night.

In other opening matches, Indiana takes on New Jersey, Utah battles Sacramento and Seattle faces San Antonio.

Defending champions Los Angeles Lakers start their bid for a third straight crown when they play the Portland Trail Blazers Monday (Manila time). Also on that day, Philadelphia tackles Boston, Minnesota clashes with Dallas and Toronto collides with Detroit.

"To be honest, I'm tired of talking about it. It gets tight on me when I stop, so I try to keep moving. At practice, it felt OK, then we had a break and it tightened up on me. If I have to play all 48 minutes to keep it going, then I will. Other than that, I'll just wait and see," added McGrady.

Coach Doc Rivers said forward Mike Miller, sidelined much of the past month with a sprained left ankle, also will play.

"Tracy's back seems to be OK. He's going to start anyway and we'll see what happens," Rivers said. *AP*

Jordan boosts sales

NEW YORK—Michael Jordan's return to the NBA put him back on the list of the league's top 10 players in merchandise sales, and he carried the Washington Wizards with him.

Jordan joined Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter, Kevin Garnett and Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Darius Miles, Lamar Odom, Shaquille O'Neal and Latrell Sprewell on the league's list of best sellers. The NBA releases the list alphabetically, not in order of sales.

Jordan's Wizards were new to the list of teams with top merchandise sales, as were the Mavericks, Clippers and Kings. Also in the top 10: the Lakers, Timberwolves, Knicks, Magic, 76ers and Raptors. *AP*

LA Lakers face tough task

TORONTO—The Los Angeles Lakers' run towards a third straight NBA championship could be the most difficult they have faced yet.

While the Western Conference has not lacked for contenders over the last couple of seasons, this year it has better teams at the top and more depth and the Lakers (58-24) are only seeded third despite winning more than 70 percent of their games.

A sign of the superior quality of the West is that fifth seeds Minnesota Timberwolves (50-32) would have tied for the second-best record in the weaker Eastern Conference.

It is unlikely that the Lakers will cruise to the title this year given the obstacles they face.

The top-seeded Sacramento Kings (61-21) have home court advantage throughout the playoffs and have only lost five games there all season.

The rejuvenated Twin Towers in San Antonio (58-24), Tim Duncan and David Robinson, loom in the second round and the loaded Dallas Mavericks (57-25) also in the mix.

Los Angeles' journey begins with the Portland Trailblazers (49-33), who will be out for revenge in the best-of-five quarterfinals as the Lakers have bounced them out in four of the last five seasons.

In 2000, the Trailblazers blew a substantial fourth-quarter lead in Game 7 of the conference final, while last season they were swept 3-0 in the first round.

But Portland won a dramatic, double-overtime decision over Los Angeles last week and have been one of the league's best teams since the All-Star break. *Reuters*

RACING TIPS

At Sta. Ana By Mr. 999

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Race 2—1. Ikaw 2. Lady Victoria 3. Yes You Can 4. La Española
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Race 4—1. Latin Beat 2. Speed Master 3. Hacker
Race 5—1. Mica's Magic 2. What A Spell 3. Art of Rose 4. Baccarat 5. Sensational 5. Al Baraq
Race 6—1. The Warrior 2. Brazen Truth 3. Cuadro de Alas 4. Il Amorosa
Race 7—1. Magic Bullet 2. Sanry Forex 3. Glamour Girl 4. Play the Field 5. Midnight Runner
Race 8—1. Unbreakable 2. Golden Ballet 3. Mighty Strong 4. Magical Mark 5. Rose wood
Race 9—1. Prickly Heat 2. Alluring 3. Absolute Power 4. War General 5. Exchange Deal
Race 10—1. Kay Gee Em Ey 2. Golden Quest 3. Sweep Away 4. Apple Splash 5. Slew's Valentine
Race 11—1. North Shine 2. Houdini 3. Real Material 4. Carolina Belle 5. Full Show
Race 12—1. Arigato 2. Guts Pleaser 3.Romario 4. Little Timothy 5. Dragon Lover
Race 13—1. King Size 2. Pride of Cebu 3. Titan 4. Better Harry 5. Perfect Gift
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Nice guy

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LOCAL horse racing is very much like show business.

There are superstars, nonstars, and of course, *kontrabidas*.

And yes, blind items also abound in this so-called "king of sports."

Here's one:

A lot of *kareristas* are wondering why this horseowner/trainer is getting out of rhythm in all his forays in racing affairs.

They noticed that while his stable is consistently producing winners, he has not been successful in all causes he has espoused in the sport recently.

Everyone knows that he is one of the prime movers of a new owners' group which tried to paralyze the races by not declaring their horses because they wanted the winners division to be retained. The move fizzled out when most members decided to enter their horses when a racing club and the Philracom gave additional prizes.

Some people close to him also attempted to force the PCSO and Philracom to increase the limit of 59 kg. handicap weight for stakes races.

It was obviously directed against a champion galloper when his horse showed signs that he could beat the former. Again, this move did not prosper.

His latest folly was forming a ticket of horseowners/trainers which attempted to wrest control of another group from its current officers.

Kareristas know that this fellow is such a really nice guy that's why they're advising him to stick to just being himself.

Who's he? Your guess is as good as mine.

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The amiable Rudy Mendoza scored it big last Sunday through Golden Eagle, whose Hopeful Stakes win at San Lazaro was still the talk of the *bayang kareristas*.

It was a race worth remembering because Golden Eagle, fresh from the barrier trials, beat two highly touted rivals in Ilocandia Slew and Arriba King, whose winning streaks were both snapped.

Rudy, who also dabbles as head coach of popular PBL team Ana Freezers, lauded both Pat Dilema for his masterful ride and Nick Atienza for superbly conditioning Golden Eagle.

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Unbreakable heads Championship cast

IN-FORM Unbreakable is the horse to beat when the racing's top 3-year-olds take center stage today at the Santa Ana Park.

They will fight it out in the P1-million PCSO Grand Championship race, the final tuneup leading to the prestigious Triple Crown Series starting on May 19.

The race is a showdown of locally bred three-year-old gallopers who were graduates of last year's monthly PCSO sweepstakes races.

"This event is intended to further promote the breeding and racing of quality race horses in the country as well as to enhance public patronage of an industry that has become a vital source of revenue income for our government and employment for many of our countrymen," said PCSO chairperson, Ma. Livia "Honeygirl" S. De Leon.

Unbreakable, undefeated in three starts including two stakes victories, will get another chance to stamp his class following his impressive five-length victory in last month's Chairman's Cup at the same track.

To be ridden by 2001 Jockey of the Year Pat Dilema, the dark bay colt owned by Jose Francisco Gonzales will use the race as a final preparation before campaigning in the TC.

Expected to pose the biggest threat is 2001 Champion Juvenile Filly Golden Ballet, the beaten favorite in the recent Commissioner's Cup. Regular partner Jonathan Hernandez will skipper the rising 3-year-old filly that raced undefeated in her freshman year.

Also running in the 1,500-meter race championship are 2001 champion 2-year-old Colt Mighty Strong, sweepstakes winners Magical Mark and Capriole as well as promising gallopers Praetorian, Rosewood, Security Risk, Cutting Edge and The Dominator.

Winner of the race will receive P600,000.

SPORTSWATCH

Basketball classes slated

MILO Best Center holds its second set of summer basketball classes in nine Metro Manila venues starting on May 2. The venues of the country's first and most popular cage school founded by former national coach Nic Jorge are Ateneo College covered courts in Katipunan, Quezon City, Flos Carmeli Institution, Fairview Park, QC; Arellano University in Caniogan (Pasig), Legarda (Manila) and along Taft Avenue (Pasay City), Notre Dame of Greater Manila, Caloocan City; Jose Rizal University, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong; St. Benedict College, Alabang Hills, Muntinlupa; and BF Homes multi-purpose gym, Parañaque.

Prisaa gets under way today

IT'S all systems go for the Prisaa sportsfest which fires off today in four different playing venues in Cebu. PSC chair Eric Buhain will grace the opening ceremony. Also in attendance include Prisaa national chair and Clark Development Corp. chief Dr. Manny Angeles, Prisaa national president Matias "Bombi" Aznar, Paba president Hector Navascro, and city mayor Tomas Osmena. A total of 1,500 athletes and officials from 15 regions showcase their athletics prowess in athletics, baseball, basketball and volleyball. The weeklong event, hosted by Cebu for the first time since the annual sportsfest, was revived last year in Pampanga after years of hiatus.

Marilao hosts Columbus chess

THE KNIGHTS of Columbus San Miguel de Marilao Co. 8581 in cooperation with Columbian Squires Circle 3740 is launching its first K of C Chess Open Tournament dubbed "Who wants to be the King of Chess?" at the Constantino Covered Court, Pbo 2, Marilao, Bulacan today. The tournament will start at 9 a.m. The one-day tournament, which is in conjunction with the celebration of the 73rd death anniversary of Brother Barnabas, founder of Columbian Squires, is open to all titled or untitled chess players. At stake are P5,000, P3,000 and P1,000 plus trophies. For inquiries, call John Paul Iyog or Ricky Navalta 815-6848 and SK Remigio San Luis at 711-1403.

Iloilo youth, sports backed

ADIDAS Philippines recently turned over sports jerseys to the office of mayor of Iloilo City in support of their youth and sports development projects. Odette Velarde, adidas assistant marketing services manager, and MJ Chavez, adidas chief finance officer, delivered the jerseys to Romeo Manikan Jr., Iloilo sports development officer, and Rommel Castor of the Iloilo sports development staff.

Lizardo holding tennis clinic

FORMER RP Davis Cup and SEA Games medalist Joseph Lizardo will handle the Edsa Shangrila Manila Tennis Camp for children from 8 to 18 years old. Interested parties may contact the Health Club at 633-8888 loc. 2901 and 2902. Classes will start on May 8 with 12 sessions per batch and fees ranging from P3,500 to 4,500 per person. Participants will get a souvenir shirt, a chance to win Head premium items and a certificate for completion of the program. The camp is co-organized by Global Sports and sponsored by Cherifer Multivitamins, Milo and Head. Lizardo heads the Ateneo de Manila tennis program and coaches its men's and women's varsity teams

Fishing season starts with Cagayan tilt

COMMENTARY

By Vic Vic Villavicencio

THE BIG game fishing season opened recently (April 12-14) with the Amado Dy-sponsored fishing tournament in San Vicente, Cagayan. For the serious big game angler, veterans and aspiring ones alike, all roads will lead to the PGFF Fishing Camp in Barangay Santa Ana where one finds the kilometer post in the Northern Luzon highway system.

For these guys, no distance is so great they will not find a way to get there. By plane to Tuguegarao as the first leg of the trip, then by land to San Vicente, or over 10 hours by land, these are just means to an end–great fishing, as the last tournament proved. For sailfish, maybe even a marlin or two, dorado, barracuda, jacks....

The PGFF maintains a number of outrigger bancas at the camp for members and guests, and there are more available from local fishermen. But don't be surprised if along the way you pass a 4x4 pulling a trailer with a Boston whaler or a similar craft on it. That is surely one of the increasing number of anglers who like the convenience of fishing on their very own boats.

That San Vicente, Cagayan is the billfishing capital of the Philippines can no longer be denied. From personal experience, we can say that the chances of landing a marlin in San Vicente are even better than in Kona, Hawaii, and next only to the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. My informal finding: one every five days in Kona; one every day in the Great Barrier Reef; and one every three days in Cagayan. That is something tourism promotion officials might like to consider.

And now we would like to pay tribute to the sponsor of the forthcoming fishing tournament–Amado A. Dy. Sportsman of the unquestionable caliber, Amado is a well-rounded angler who has fished with the best of them at some of the most prestigious fishing spots all over the world, including Asia, Hawaii, and Australia. And yet he can also be seen in Caliraya, or Calatagan, and even the hito pond of Nayong Pilipino casting a line, or simply enjoying the company of those who share his passion for the fishing sport.

We hope the present crop of anglers realize that there is no bigger patron of sport fishing today than Amado. He shows this in countless ways. But none more evident than during the annual year-end get-together of anglers when he gives away half a dozen gift certificates of entry fees to any of the monthly PGFF tournaments –at the recipient's choice! As if that was not enough, he also sponsors participation in the annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT) for whoever wins the PGFF Angler of the Year title.

With benefactors like Amado A. Dy around, we can all look forward to many, many happy fishing days.

THE GOODWILL TEN
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GOODWILL CUP

The Philippine Lawn Tennis Association, led by Ajay Pathak (extreme left), leads the way in exhorting top officials of Philippine sports to promote tennis through the staging of the Goodwill Tennis Cup. From left (after Pathak) are Wilson General Manager Jun Jun Plana, Philippine Sports Commissioner Richie Garcia, Goodwill Cup organizers Elmer Dolera, Philta's Manuel Misa, and US PTA tennis instructors Eddie Pasternak and Ted Sayrahder.

Alban shines

BUTUAN City—Duke Alban of Surigao City routed Nikko Salomon, 6-1, 61, and Julius Cirunon 6-2, 6-0, to barge into the semifinals of the boys 12-under division in the 2002 edition of the Milo Junior Tennis Cup and regional workshop here at the Luz Village Tennis club.

Alban tangles with Noelito Pacana who ousted Rey John Tumbaga, 6-0, 6-1, in the lower bracket; while Bobby Chio of Cagayan de Oro and local bet Teofilo Salomon meet in the upper section.

In the boys 16-under division Nic Daniel Fernandez of Napocor-Iligan downed Jeffrey Uy, 6-1, 6-0, to tow along Marvin Cerito, Juv Alban and Redemer Autentico in the last four of the Milo netfest organized by the CTW Group and supported by Adidas and Sports Kids with sanction from Philta.

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Marquez John Hay champ

PARAÑAQUE City Mayor Joey Marquez won the recently concluded 12th Goma cup at Camp John Hay in Baguio City. Richard Gomez topped Class A, followed by Maru Sotto and TV director Al Quinn. Other winners were Eddie Gutierrez in Class B, Martin Nievera in Class C and Nadya Montenegro in ladies play.

SPORTS ON TV

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BASKETBALL: NBA Playoffs, First Round –Indiana vs New Jersey, Game 1 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (r) on ESPN

GOLF: PGA Worldcom Classic, Third Round at 12 noon (r – 10 p.m.) on Star Sports

BUSAN ASIAN GAMES

Pep talk set for Team Philippines

By Marc Anthony Reyes

AT LEAST 140 members of Team Philippines gather for the first time on April 24 for some "pep talk" and technical orientation for the Asian Games in Busan in September.

It is going to be the first of a series of meeting between Team Philippines and the Asiad Task Force, which aims to "raise the morale" of the national delegation aside from imparting information about South Korea.

Task Force chief Tom Carrasco said he would meet officials of the Korean embassy tomorrow to ask for additional information materials regarding the place and its culture to help the athletes conduct themselves during the Games to be held Sept. 19 to Oct. 13.

"As the body tasked to monitor Team Philippines' training, we also want to check their emotional progress," said Task Force official Ariel Paredes. "And we think that by holding a series of meeting with them before the Games begin we can observe them better."

Paredes added that the athletes also get to meet the members of the Task Force monitoring team, who will also act as mediator between the Asiad-bound athletes and the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee.

The meeting will also be an occasion to unveil the new set of parade and competition uniforms of the athletes through a fashion show to be held at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

Bowlers Irene Garcia-Benitez and Biboy Rivera will model the track suit designed by Adidas, while karateka Gretchen Malalad and volleyball player Ariel Atendido will wear the parade uniforms made by Rajo Laurel.

Casino CDO beats Professional Davao

GAMES TODAY
(CDCC Gym, San Fabian)
1 p.m.—Olongapo vs Pampanga
3 p.m.—Batangas vs Pangasinan

By Roy Luarca

CEBU CITY—There was no endgame collapse for the Casino Cagayan de Oro Amigos yesterday as they bested the Professional Davao Eagles, 106-94, in the MBA First Conference at the Cebu Coliseum.

The Amigos, learning from their past four losses, played with poise and confidence in the fourth quarter to hand the Eagles their third defeat in six games.

Controlling the boards, the Amigos dominated the Eagles and bounced back from a 75-75 count to reward their new corporate sponsor—Casino Ethyl Alcohol—with the victory.

Ricky Calimag led the Amigos with 22 points and was ably supported by veteran Peter Naron who added 20. Other double-digit scorers for Coach Vic Yacasiano were Derrick Bughao with 13, Ariel Capus with 15 and Ernani Epondulan with 11.

Bong Marata topscored for the Eagles with 19 points.

The sponsorship contract was signed yesterday by International Pharmaceutical Inc. advertising and marketing manager Dennis Wong, MBA business and marketing director ramon Tuason and Cagayan de Oro team manager Ronnie Natividad and general manager Agustin Claribel at the Cebu Plaza Hotel.

"We believe that through MBA we will get a better mileage for Casino Ethyl Alcohol. The package deal that MBA have sent us is cheaper and more appetizing and the naming rights is an additional bonus to us," said Wong.

"This is a breakthrough deal for us. Our five corporate sponsors are all service-oriented companies. Casino is the first consumer's product to deal with us. As much as possible we will try to deal with companies like IPI because MBA suits their need for publicity mileage," said Tuason.

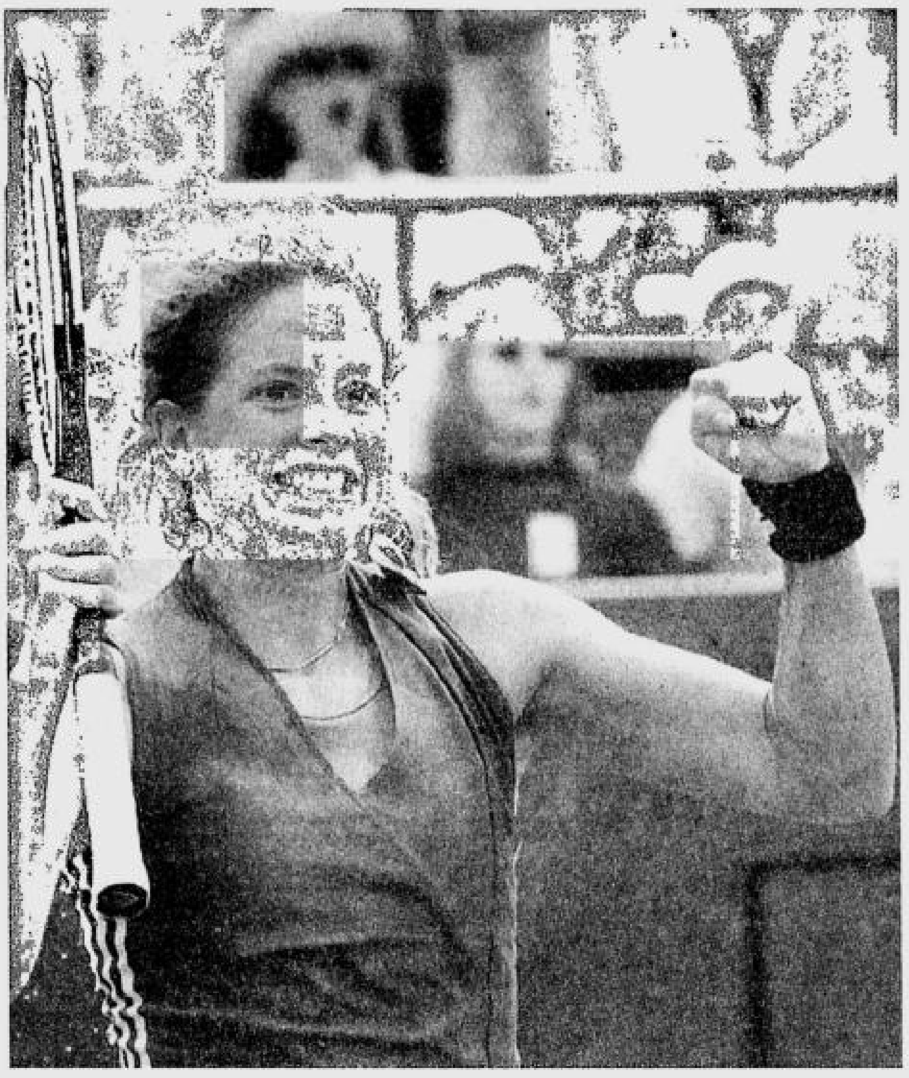
IPI is also the maker of Bioderm Germicidal Soap, Omega Pain Killer, Lecit E and Power Plus Energy Drink.

RCPI Negros edged Cebuana Lhuillier, 96-91, in the other game to take the solo lead at 4-1. The Gems dropped to 3-1.

CASINO CDO—Calimag 22, Naron 20, Capus 15, Bughao 13, Epondulan 11, Sanz 9, Lopez 6, Barvo 5, Buenaventura 2, Manucat 2.

DAVAO 94—Marata 19, Mamaril 18, Simon 15, Yap 13, White 9, Caliao 6, Sasuman 5, Salvador 5.

Quarters: 35-30, 51-48, 75-75, 106-94.



WILLIAMS CONQUEROR

Patty Schnyder of Switzerland reacts following her 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 win over number three seed Serena Williams in the quarterfinals at the Family Circle Cup yesterday in Charleston, SC. Top-seeded Jennifer Capriati advanced, beating Anastasia Myskina 6-0, 7-5 to set up a semifinal match against Schnyder. AP

Lerio leads RP boxers to Cuba

TEAM Caltex Philippines resumes its buildup for the Busan Asian Games when it competes in two prestigious boxing tournaments starting this coming week in Cuba.

Veterans Arlan Lerio (bantamweight) and Larry Semillano (light welterweight) are at the forefront of a six-man squad which will slug it out with a world-class field in the Cordova Cardin and Roberto Balado Cup international amateur championships.

The twin events are scheduled in the Cuban capital of Havana from April 23-May 7.

Also with the Philippine Sports Commission-backed team are Lhyven Salazar (light flyweight), Rene Villaluz (flyweight), Genebert Basadre (featherweight) and Maraon Golea (middleweight).

Raul Daza, chair of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines, will head the delegation which departs tomorrow night. Completing the contingent are Gregorio Caliwan (head coach), Nolito Velasco (assistant coach) and Darcito Teodoro (referee/judge).

"The boys are in high spirits. They've prepared hard and I know the Cuban tournaments will give them a big exposure," said Abap president Manny Lopez.

The Cuban jaunt, also supported by Revicon and Pacific Heights, is part of Abap's extensive selection process to determine the final composition of Team Caltex Philippines to the Asiad slated this September. *Edwin Villanueva*

SPORTSWATCH

Sports enters finals

SPORTS overpowered Advertising, 100-80, and entered the Inquirer Basketball Tournament finals yesterday at the Olympia Gym in Makati. Dayong Mendoza exploded with 38 points even as teammates Jim Punzalan, June Navarro and Jake de los Reyes mocked their guards, giving Sports its first championship appearance after five years of competing in the annual event. Denied of an outright entry to the finals by early finalist Libre last week, Al Mendoza's charges went to work right from the opening tipoff. With Mendoza and Punzalan combining for 25 points, Sports hinted of things to come by posting a 35-13 bulge at the end of the first period. Sports and Libre will start their best-of-three titular series either Saturday or Sunday. Sports downed Libre in the eliminations, 78-75, but Libre exacted revenge in the semifinals, 69-67.

Merelos downs Ranola

LITTLE-KNOWN Melvin Merelos continued his giant-killing run, downing National Master Yves Rañola after 66 moves of a Sicilian Alapin after eight rounds of the National Chess Championship at the Greenhills' Shopping Center Centermall. The 74th seed Merelos upped his total to 6.5 points, same score of International Master Nelson Mariano, who downed NM Alex Milagrosa. IM Chito Garma agreed to halve the point with IM Barlo Nadera to keep the solo leadership with 7.5 points. In the distaff side, Palawan's Rusela Joya, Sherrie Lomibao and Christine Grace Espallardo stayed on top with 6.5 points each.

Nascar owner critical

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Jack Roush, the hands-on Nascar owner who fields four Winston Cup cars, was critically injured Friday when the small plane he was piloting crashed in southeastern Alabama. *AP*

Talk N Text prevails

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
3:45 p.m.—Shell vs Sta. Lucia
5:45 p.m.—San Miguel vs Alaska

By June Navarro

TALK N Text shrugged off a mighty final-quarter comeback from Federal Express to post a 101-90 win and fortify its bid for the No.1 spot going into the quarterfinals yesterday in the PBA Governors Cup at the Philsports Arena.

Playmaker Kenny Evans proved his worth, coming up with 16 of his 22 points in the second half as the Phone Pals ended their elimination stint with nine wins against two losses.

Batang Red Bull relegated Purefoods to the No. 3 spot in the quartefinals with a 93-77 victory in the second game.

The Thunder, who stand to grab the No. 6 or 7 seat, finished the eliminations at 6-5 while the Hotdogs capped its stint at 8-3.

In dumping the Hotdogs, the Thunder also installed the Phone Pals as the top seed and the Coca-Cola Tigers as the No.2 qualifier in the next round.

The Express concluded their elimination campaign sporting a 6-5 record.

Mickelson takes WorldCom lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina — Phil Mickelson showed the maddening and marvelous sides of his game Friday, shooting a 7-under 64 to tie Jack Nicklaus' 36-hole scoring record in the WorldCom Classic.

Mickelson, who began play five strokes behind early second- round leader Justin Leonard, had a 13-under 129 total to match the mark set by Nicklaus en route to his 1975 victory.

Mickelson opened with bogey on the 10th hole, then got that back with birdies on the 11th and 13th holes. He caught Leonard for the lead at 11 under with an eagle on par-5 second hole.

Lefty drove into the rough near a tree on the next tee to drop a shot, then recovered with birdies on Nos. 5-6 to move in front for good at Harbour Town Golf Links.

Kerr ahead

LINCOLN, California —Cristie Kerr, seeking her first LPGA Tour victory, shot an even-par 72 in windy conditions Friday to take a two-stroke lead in the Longs Drugs Challenge. She had a 6-under 138 total on the Twelve Bridges Golf Club course. South Korea's Kim Mi-hyun shot a 69—he only sub-70 round of the day, to join Australia's Jane Crafter (71) at 4-under 140. *AP*

Ardina earns trip to Junior World

DOTTIE Ardina virtually earned a trip to the Junior World golf championships when she nailed a third straight runaway victory in the girls 8 years and under division (class E) of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines Summer Circuit, topping the Sherwood Hills Jungolf Open recently in Trece Martires, Cavite.

The eight-year-old Ardina, daughter of a teaching pro from Canlubang, posted impressive rounds of 55-65-58-178 to win with plenty to spare over Christina Potenciano (199) and Angela De Villa (212), James Christian Ricohermoso was the boys Class E winner.

Other winners were Korean Lee Seong Ki and Reb Bareng in Class A, Carl Santos Ocampo and Remijin camping in class B; Mico Yee and Katrina Briones in Class C and Jobim Carlos and Mia Piccio in Class D.

Tacujan, Suntay top Poten-Cee golf

PASCUAL

STAR'S Lito Tacujan emerged overall champion and Anthony Suntay the Media Division winner in the First Poten-Cee Golf Tournament held recently at Wack Wack.

Abac Cordero, also of the Star, claimed the major raffle prize of free trip to Hong Kong.

The INQUIRER's Jong Arcano and Jun Engracia placed second and third, respectively, in the Media Division of the tournament that saw the participation of several media practitioners, mostly from the Sports beat.

"We feel honored by the presence of our friends from the sportswriting fraternity and we at Pascual Laboratories hope to host you to another golf tournament in the future," said Jappy Pascual during the awarding ceremonies. "We will make it as big and as lively like the one we had today."

Hotshots' Jon Decena ruled the guest division, followed by Angel Carramat and Mar Marron, respectively.

Also present during the awards were Pascual Laboratories' Maui Pascual, Icel Argana, Jazmin Gamboa-Bernabe, Nick Lansang, Virginia Foods' Edwin Nacua and Infinite Ideas' Gelo Serrano.

Said Maui Pascual: "I hope the bond that we have forged today will enhance our company's vision to be really of great help to Philippine sports."

Fistorama returns today

THE INITIAL airing of San Miguel Beer's "Fistorama" is scheduled today at 12 noon on RPN-9. The weekly boxing show is a revival of the longest running boxing show on television which started in the sixties and bowed out in the late seventies featuring the long standing partnership of Taby Tabaniag and the late "Smokin Joe" Cantada. Tabaniag, now a Manila Standard sports columnist, makes a big comeback in the boxing scene with PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER sports editor Al Mendoza as analysts. Seasoned television announcer Ed Picson is anchor. Today's bouts include knockout artist Rodel Mayol against Roger Maldecir in the main event supported by Dexter Casinillo against Rogelio Eret and Joel Consulta against Raymond Palermo. "Fistorama" is produced by Joe Cantada Sports. Today's show is sponsored by San Miguel Beer and Caltex.

My kind of kite

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

SUMMER is here and to mother nature's sons, summer means a life spent mostly in the sun.

Some wit said SMB stands for "summer means beer." Another said SMB means "summer means beach." And from yet another: "summer means bear."

Bear what?

Bear Brand as in the Bear Brand Kitefest, which will soon wind up its national competitions at the Rizal Park. That I'd like to see.

I have always been fascinated by kites. To me, a kite is another proof of man's enduring romance with science. And nature.

The kite is an architectural wonder, if not an engineering marvel. The exactness of measurements makes for a kite's stability. A millimeter of error can spell disaster for any kite in flight.

To fly a kite is to feel young.

I had that feeling again some two weeks back when I flew one in the land of my birth up North. I did it in tandem with Dante Fernandez, who hails from Roxas City like U-Bix top honcho Bert B. Bravo.

"This has chopped away a good 10 years off our age," said Dante, smiling sweetly like a kid of 12. He was seated in a folding chair, a glass of red wine in one hand and a nylon string tied to a kite in flight in the other. "I haven't flown a kite in ages."

The Batman-like kite he was flying was as steady as a jet put in cruise control.

There's a built-in thrill when we do things we don't usually do now. To me, the thought of just doing it again delights me no end.

The first time I tried to fly a kite again early this month, the fun did not last long. It was high noon and the sun seared the skin. Because I was trying to re-learn the basics of kite-flying, I was quite rusty with the techniques. As quickly as I had the kite airborne, I quickly stumbled into errors. I ran wildly. Perhaps because I was a kid again? In my unmitigated glee, I misjudged the power of the string. In no time, my green-and-violet toy caught a Meralco wire. The lesson there was basic: Never underestimate the power of Meralco whenever you try to fly a kite. Could be deadly. And costly, too. The kite was a sorry sight as it hung from the wire, tossed back and forth by the wind. Its backbone was broken.

Responding to my plea, the durable Elpi Cuna dispatched a Meralco crew the next morning.

"Good thing you didn't catch a live wire, Sir," said one of the two linemen.

If only because I got back my kite, I swallowed my pride. I apologized profusely for the bother I had caused them.

I immediately mended my broken kite and, days later, I retraced my roots in the country and did my kite-flying there.

"Red wine and kite, they do mix," said Dante, raising his glass to me.

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PUBLIC SERVICE. Toyota, whose debut in this year's Formula 1 edition is being keenly watched by their rivals, will hold the "Toyota Drive-in Trade-in Fair" April 22-28 at the Fort Bonifacio Global City in front of Dencio's restaurant. The event opens daily at 10 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. All trade-in customers during the event will each receive P10,000 Toyota Value Certificate which they can use as cash discount for their new vehicle down payment.

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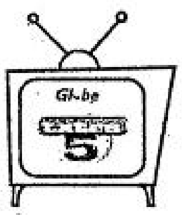

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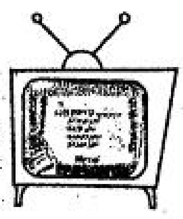

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QC residents storm Maynilad demanding water connection /A24

Helper rolls in his sleep, falls to his death

A SLEEPING Danilo Villanueva rolled off the top of a 10-wheel truck and fell to his death at the North Harbor in Tondo, Manila before dawn yesterday. Chief Insp. Juanito Taluban said Villanueva, 58, a helper at the Golden Bay Logistic Freight Forwarders, was already dead when his coworkers found him at 1 a.m. The victim reportedly had a habit of taking a nap on trucks between work.

Jerome Aning

Program to ease traffic goes on high gear

By Armand N. Nocum

GOOD NEWS for motorists. Public Works Secretary Simeon Datumanong has ordered his men to rush the implementation of President Macapagal-Arroyo's multi-million "urban traffic decongestion program," taking full advantage of the hot summer days.

Datumanong said in a statement that among the projects that will go on high gear will be the P656 million C-5 and Ortigas Avenue Extension Interchange (Package 2) project to decongest traffic in that part of the metropolis.

"While others dread the El Niño weather phenomenon, we see it as an opportunity to get our projects completed without hitches, like rains and floods," Datumanong said.

The project, which involves the construction of a four-lane third level flyover along the northbound and southbound lanes of C-5 and separated by a 1.50-meter width median across Ortigas Avenue, will be completed within 24 months.

But Public Works Assistant Secretary Salvador Pleyto said that the project would cause temporary gridlock in the immediate vicinity of the construction site.

He said vehicles from C-5 Makati-Mandaluyong area to Cubao area and vice versa can turn left on Lanuza Avenue and take Green Meadows Avenue before turning left on C-5 and proceed to Cubao area, and vice versa.

Vehicles from Ortigas Center going to Marikina and vice versa can turn left on Green Meadows Avenue, turn left on C-5, right turn on Calle Industria, left turn on Amang Rodriguez and proceed to Marikina, and vice versa.

Motorists from Ortigas Center headed to Cainta- Antipolo area and vice versa can turn left at Green Meadows Avenue, can turn left on C-5, right turn on Calle Industria and finally turn left on Ortigas Avenue and proceed to Cainta-Antipolo area, and vice versa.

DPWH Urban Road Project Office (DPWH-URPO) Director Lope S. Adriano said that the project also covers the construction of a left-turning second flyover from Cainta side toward the southbound lane of C-5, with approximate length of 232 meters, and a second flyover along Ortigas Avenue Extension, west-bound over Amang Rodriguez Avenue junction, with approximate length of 499 meters.

'Mother Lily' finishes high school

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TALES OF THE CITY

PHILANTROPHIST Bea Zobel, wife of Ayala Corp. chair Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala, was once asked to name the woman whom she admired the most.

She knew almost everyone who wielded power in the exalted circles of politics and society, but she did not name any one of them.

Instead she named a 67-year-old laundry woman named Lily Orense.

"Nanay Lily" as she is called, may not have money or influence, but Zobel said she admired her because of her tenacity to achieve her goal, no matter what the challenges come along the way.

For Nanay Lily, that goal was simply to get a high school diploma.

Not much, people would say, but for her, getting it took almost a lifetime.

She came to Manila in 1954 when she was 19, to seek a supposedly better life, like many others who came before from her hometown

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THE ROCKWELL RAMP

A bridge to the future no longer a dream

IF YOU build it, they would come.

"Looking back now, it was like we were only dreaming," Tong Padilla recalls.

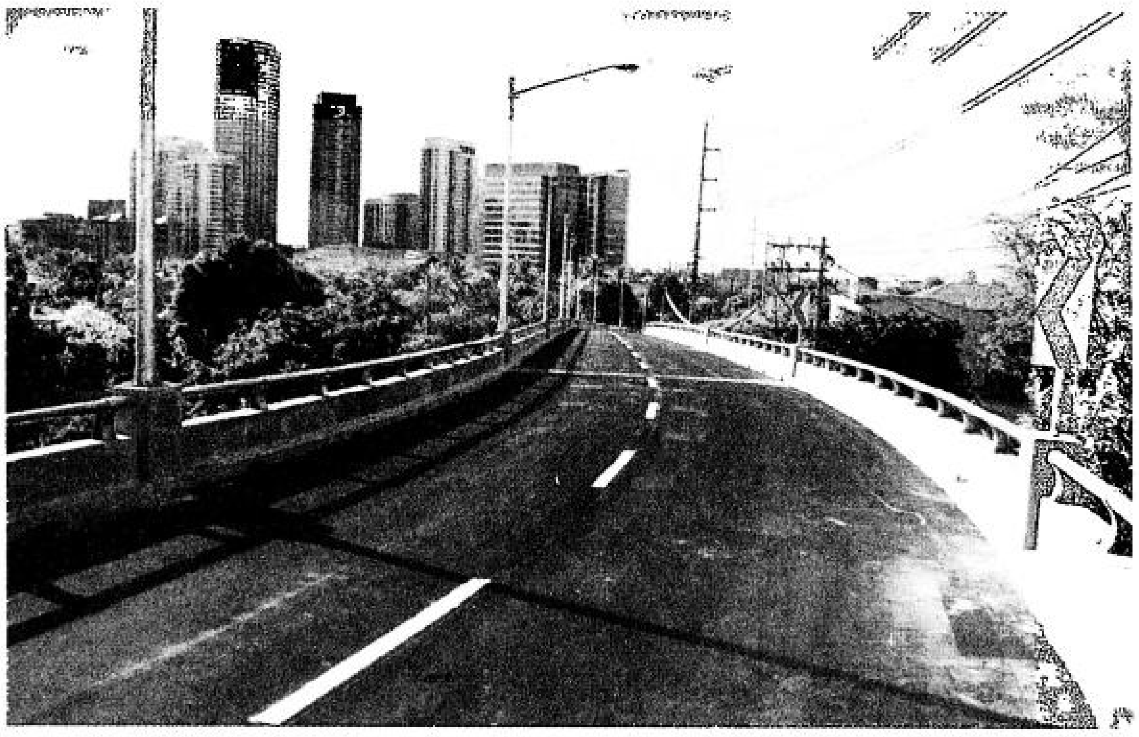
Padilla is president of Rockwell Land, the Lopez Group of Companies firm that built the complex that is vying for the distinction of being the most desirable residential, commercial and shopping location in Metro Manila.

The "dream" was to build another access route to Rockwell on the bank of the Pasig River in Makati City, aside from the existing ones on Kalayaan Avenue and the always busy, always crowded J. P. Rizal Street.

The original plan, according to Padilla, was to build a bridge from Makati's Estrella Street, which leads to Rockwell, to the site of an old oil refinery called Noah's Ark in Mandaluyong City across the river. "But the more we looked into it, the more we felt it wasn't going to go anywhere," Padilla says. "The bridge would land on a heavily populated, land-locked area and it wouldn't bring you anywhere."

A lunch with contractor William Uy gave Padilla food for thought. "I asked him, 'What if we build a ramp or an access to Rockwell?' At that time, he was doing the MRT stations on Edsa. He said, 'I got an idea. The MRT train goes up and down like a roller-coaster. At the junction of Estrella and Edsa, it starts to go

A BRIDGE/ A24



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QC residents storm Maynilad demanding water connection

By Agnes E. Donato

MORE than 200 Quezon City residents trooped on Friday to the headquarters of the Lopez-owned Maynilad Water in Balara to protest the water company's alleged failure to install pipelines even after the firm collected payments from them.

The protesters, many of whom are urban poor residents and members of the Alliance of Progressive Labor (APL), said they went to Maynilad to demand the delivery of "its long-delayed promise of water service connection in Maligaya Park Subdivision."

APL secretary general Josua Mata claimed that in May 2000, Maynilad gave Maligaya residents a promotional offer of water service connection upon payment of P200.

Under this offer, the rest of the connection fee will be added to the monthly bill on installment basis.

Mata said his group had so far identified 200 families who had taken up the offer. He said there are more than 10,000 residents in the community.

"Two years had passed, but the residents have yet to see Maynilad's delivery of the promised water connection," Mata said.

He said Maynilad has already installed a main pipeline in the area, but what is still missing are the pipes that will connect the houses to the water main.

As a result, the residents are forced to rely on private vendors and "aguadors" for their supply.

"(Maynilad) is supposedly committed to serving the interest of the consumers," Mata said. "This proves Maynilad's inability to run a basic utility service. And to top all this, Maynilad has the nerve to ask for a water rate increase."

Mata also described as "misleading" Maynilad's paid advertisement, which came out in several dailies on April 17. The ad claimed that the water company's rates are much cheaper than the purified bottled water being sold by water dealers.

"Why not compare its price with that of the Manila Water Company? As of March 2002, Maynilad charges an average tariff of P15.46 per cubic meter while the MWCI charges only P6.75 per cubic meter," Mata maintained.

The protesters tried to have a dialogue with Maynilad officials, but they changed their mind after learning that Maynilad President Rafael Alunan III could not see them face-to-face.

In Pasig City, girls trade sex for 'text'

By Alcuin Papa

PASIG policemen on Friday rounded up five young girls who were said to be offering sex in exchange for prepaid cards for cellular phones.

The police acted on a tip that young girls were soliciting sex in exchange for P300 and P500 cell phone cards in front of the Immaculate Conception Church in the city. The girls, aged 16 and 17, were arrested around 2 a.m. They admitted to police they exchanged sexual favors for prepaid cards and that a still unidentified cigarette vendor acted as their pimp.

Police seized from the girls packets of condom, lubricants, cell phones and cell cards.

They told police that they entered the sex business to fund their "texting" habits—a reference to the short message system, a feature in cellular phone units where users can send "text messages" to friends and acquaintances.

A bridge to the future no longer a dream

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down and when it gets to Buendia (Gil Puyat), it's underground. The beauty of that is we can use the corridor to build a ramp.'

"The corridor was perfect," adds Padilla, who was a banker in Jakarta for years before headhunters grabbed him for Rockwell. "From the northbound lane of Edsa, we could build a ramp that turns left on Estrella." And lands right smack in the middle of Rockwell.

Alternatives

Tuesday afternoon, the Rockwell dream comes true. Public works and highways, Makati City and Rockwell officials will cut the ribbon to formally open the ramp to Rockwell.

"The ramp gives you alternatives," says Padilla. "At the moment, if you're coming from the south on Edsa and you want to get to the Makati-Mandaluyong bridge, the only way is through Ayala and Makati avenues. With the ramp, you can avoid going through those congested streets and get to the Makati-Mandaluyong bridge easier and faster. If you're coming from Rockwell and you're going to Quezon City, you can make a right to Edsa and make a U-turn under the ramp.

"The biggest contribution is, you now have a choice."

That is the obvious reason for the Rockwell ramp - to make the complex more accessible. "We wanted to invest in the future density of Rockwell," says Padilla. In short, they want to lure more people to Rockwell, which is rivaling the gay and venerable Malate of Manila, the vibrant and still vigorously growing Libis of Quezon City, and the other ever-evolving commercial centers of Makati as the place of choice, whether as an address or as a nightlife destination.

"Glorietta is strategically located in a transportation hub so there will always be people there," Padilla says. "Greenbelt is expanding and it's big. Our difference from other malls is that we're small. Not everything comes in big packages."

P800 million

There is more than the obvious reason for building the ramp that leads to the "small" Rockwell. "People would think we built the ramp for ourselves," Padilla says. "No matter what they think, it's not just for us. It is crazy to invest P200 million on a ramp, plus spend about P600 million to buy the adjoining real estate (just to build a ramp for ourselves). We bought 14 houses. Two refuse to sell.

"Normally, when you invest on a ramp, it is because you have a big piece of land and you would have a lot of developments, like Fort Bonifacio. It's 200 hectares and investing on a ramp makes sense. Rockwell is only 15 hectares.

"We think the market is going to get competitive because it's small. There are more malls being put up. The only way to be competitive is to continue to be creative.

"That's what I'm telling my guys. We have to continue to reinvent shopping. We want to make the whole 15 hectares of Rockwell an experience for everybody, whether if it's for the mom who wants to have a haircut or go shopping, the son or daughter who wants to watch a movie or the little boy who wants to play. You can find your quiet corner here at Rockwell and be happy or creative."

The place that would become filled with quiet corners started breaking ground in 1995, on the site of the former power plant of that name. Ateneo, the first resident of the new Rockwell, opened in 1998. In November 2000, the Rockwell Power Plant Mall became a new landmark in the metropolitan lifestyle.

"Rockwell is all about creating a community. That's why we want to have everything here — school, entertainment, shopping."

Rockwell also took care of Kalayaan Avenue, which also leads to the center. "It used to be flooded all the time," Padilla says. "We spent P20 million to dig up all the dirt in the drainage which was all clogged."

The proverbial road to the Rockwell ramp was bumpy with challenges, according to the Ilonggo-born Padilla. Among the challenges were the nuns of nearby Colegio de Sta. Rosa and the 16 homeowners of neighboring Bel-Air whose houses were along the future site of the ramp.

"I first tried the school's Mother Superior. Fortunately, she is Ilonggo, but I think it was so obvious that when she saw me, she could see the ulterior motive of Rockwell. We knew it would be very difficult to move the school, and it would be a very emotional issue."

The other option was opposite the school, Bel-Air Village where 16 houses stood on what the Rockwell planners wanted to turn into a ramp. "When I went to see Geny (Lopez, the late chair of the Lopez Group of Companies), I told him, 'It's going to take a lot of money and it's going to be in ridiculous proportions.'"

In short, Rockwell paid that money - "about P600 million" - to the homeowners so they would leave and give way to the ramp.

Complete

Because the owners of two houses in the row refused to budge, Rockwell Land pushed the ramp site a little nearer to the school and made it higher and longer to avoid the two houses. "But that cost us an additional P40 million."

He says the firm asked the approval of the community. "Their number one complaint was traffic. But at any point that you come to Rockwell, I don't think you are faced with any congestion. We made sure you go down right away and park. You don't have to go round and round looking for parking space."

Before it started to rise, the ramp project seemed doomed to go downhill. "Bel-Air didn't want (the ramp). The local government had other plans. But we wanted to convince Makati Mayor (Jejomar) Binay that Rockwell would hopefully set an example in riverfront development."

A community complete with schools, shops, entertainment, ample parking space, and a breathtaking view of the Pasig and the Metro Manila skyline. "The ramp is about making it all accessible to everybody," says Padilla, who is known to be so meticulous that he personally inspects even details as small as stones at Rockwell curbs.

"We don't want people to think that Rockwell is only for the upper class, despite the nice landscape. Rockwell should be accessible to everybody because a community is composed of everybody, regardless of income. That's what we're trying to achieve here. When we started this project, we felt we could make a big difference."

The ramp that opens on Tuesday afternoon will, Rockwell hopes, be part of making that difference. It will also make more people come.

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We know who killed Robin Padilla's kin, police say

POLICE have identified at least five people believed to be behind the abduction and killing of the half brother of movie actor Robin Padilla in Nueva Ecija last month.

Supt. Raul Bacalzo, Nueva Ecija police director, said they still can not file charges against the five suspects for the death of Rodolfo "Gino" Padilla, as investigators are still building up evidence to tighten their case.

"We know their names," Bacalzo said. "But we are still getting more evidence and convincing the witnesses to be very sure about the roles played by the suspects."

Padilla, 27, was abducted by a group of armed men in his farmhouse at Barangay Bibiclat in Cuyapo town on March 8.

Before dragging away Padilla, the armed men shot and killed Sixto de Gracia, 71, farm caretaker, and burned the farmhouse, Padilla's car, and mini-tractor.

Padilla's body was found in a ravine along the Pantabangan-Baler Road on March 14.

Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk

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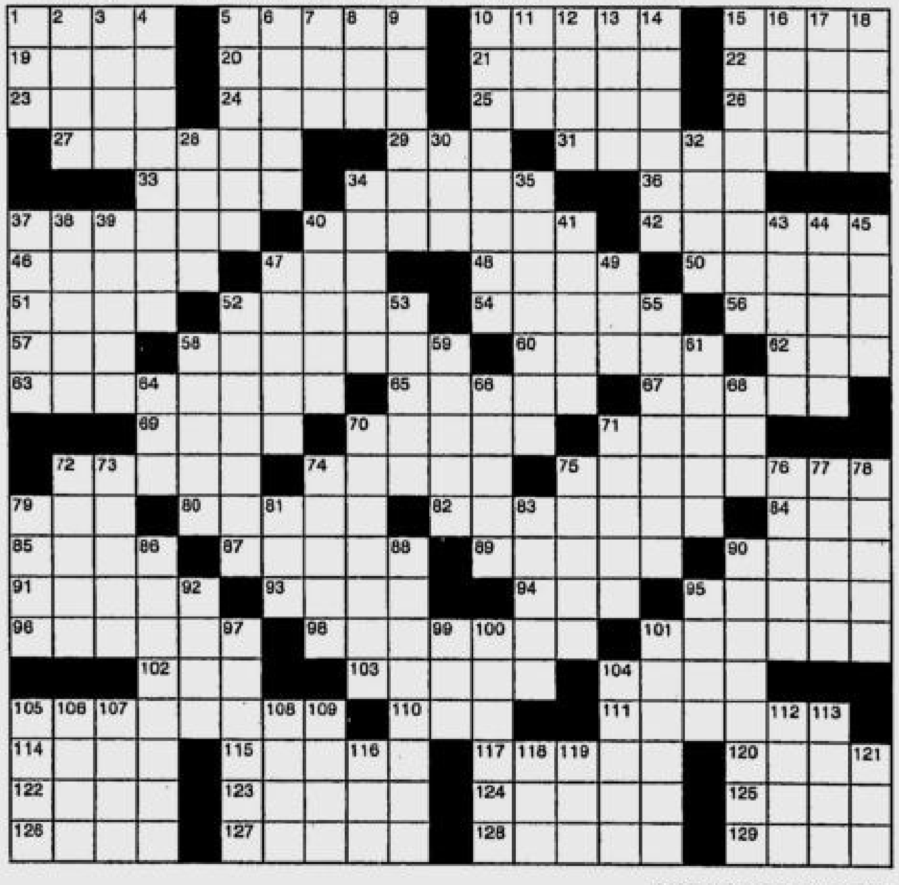

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'Mother Lily' graduates . . .

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of Irosin, Sorsogon.

Orense stayed with a relative and looked for work, but to study had always been her priority.

She wanted to continue her studies as she just finished her first year in high school back in Irosin.

"I tried to study when I first came here. I used to walk from our house in San Juan to Mapua until the long walk took its toll on my feet," Orense said in Filipino.

Money also dried up as she barely made enough from doing laundry and selling odds and ends to put herself through school and survive.

In 1968, Orense tried again to go to school and she made it halfway through second year high school at the Holy Rosary College in Tala, Caloocan.

"I was not able to finish it because I just did not have money and I had to take care of my family. By that time I already had a husband and four children to look after," Orense said.

She sacrificed and worked herself almost to the bone to put food on the family table. Her husband's death also added to her burdens.

The desire to finish her studies took a backseat to providing for her family.

"I have always known sacrifice in my life. Difficulties have always been part of me but I always knew that God will help me," Orense said.

Nanay Lily had not been able to go to a formal school then, but she continued to pursue knowledge.

She regularly took part in recollections and in seminars conducted in the Tala community, while seeing her children grow up and eventually have families of their own.

It was through her contacts here that she learned about the free adult night high school offered by La Salle Greenhills.

Since her family did not need her as much as they did before, she grabbed the chance and enrolled in 1998 at the ripe age of 63.

It may seem a waste of time to go back to school but Orense said it was something that she had to do for herself.

"I felt that I had to go back to school even If I am already old because I felt that there were too many things happening around me that I did not know about. I felt ignorant and I did not like that," Orense said.

She threw herself into her studies and was a model student. In her first year at La Salle Greenhills, she finished second in her class, with an average of over 85 percent.

"I loved reciting in class. I always liked the debates. I was good in school, especially in English, but not so much in Math. I also contributed articles to the school paper," she said.

AT 67, Orense is the second oldest student to graduate from La Salle.

Nanay Lily was also given awards such as the Best in Deportment and even the library's award for having borrowed the most books. She was also cited for her perfect attendance.

It was like making up for lost time, and her energy was infectious, affecting the principal and her fellow students in La Salle.

She was always ready for the day's lessons even if she had to hold a full time job selling everything from cookies to fish, and doing laundry in the morning, and then going to the school at night.

But the La Salle community was always there to welcome her.

"Some call me Mother Lily and they would jokingly ask me if there was any shooting scheduled for the day. For the others I am just plain Nanay," she said.

Orense seemed finally on her way to getting that longed for high school diploma, but she saw her chance slip away when she was in her last year because her family again needed her at home.

"I took pity on my children because they had nobody to take care of their children. I said to myself I should stop and stay home for them, so I did not go to school anymore," Orense said.

Her teachers, including the principal, and her classmates, however, were not about to allow here to just drop out of school.

"I was surprised because students and teachers came to the house and they told me to go back to school. They were really very adamant and it was heartwarming to know that people cared, so I found a way to go back," she said.

But her absences affected her standing and she no longer made it to the honor roll. She said the assignment just piled up and she had to work double time just to catch up. She made it with the support of her classmates and teachers, and her children and grandchildren.

Finally, last month, Lily Orense, at 67, became the second oldest woman to graduate high school from La Salle.

To add another feather to her cap, she was chosen as one of the 10 recipients of the first Hotshots of the Year Awards given by the Hotshots restaurant group.

Orense and the other students from public schools and adult schools of private schools were chosen for their exemplary extra-curricular work.

In Orense's case, she was cited for her determination to achieve her goal.

Orense said she was beside herself with joy when she finally clutched the high school diploma in her hand during the graduation ceremonies in March.

Now that she has achieved the goal that eluded her for more than three decades, Orense is not about to stop her quest for knowledge.

"I am not going to a vocational school to learn about hotel and restaurant management. One day, I hope to open a small canteen or restaurant," she said.

But Orense said that she still feels that she had achieved success even if that little canteen would not become a reality. As she wrote in one of her articles in the La Salle paper, her measure of success is having no enemies and a lot of friends, and also, a high school diploma.

Korina maid won't give up fight

By Alcuin Papa

THE FORMER maid of ABS-CBN newsreader and radio talk show host Korina Sanchez yesterday said that she will ask the Department of Justice to reconsider its decision junking her case against Sanchez.

The DOJ on Friday cleared Sanchez of charges that she had deliberately withheld the salary of her maid, Bernadita Inocencio, who also filed with the Makati City prosecutor's office charges of slight physical injuries against Sanchez and her supposed boyfriend Pol O. Aquino in December last year.

The DOJ dismissed the charges of violation of Section 28 of Republic Act No. 8282 (non-remittance of Social Security System contributions) and Article 116 of the Labor Code (withholding of wages) for "want of evidence."

Inocencio, through her lawyer Atty. Melanio "Batas" Mauricio, said they will ask Justice Secretary Hernando Perez to revise the recent decision of State Prosecutors Roberto Lao and Mark Jalandoni clearing Sanchez of the charges.

The DOJ decision said Sanchez remitted Inocencio's SSS contributions even though belatedly.

Mauricio, who has his own radio and TV show over ABS-CBN rival GMA-7, said they will question the dismissal of their cases because this ran counter to the evidence they had presented before the DOJ.

He said it was "puzzling" that no charges can be filed against Sanchez because their evidence revealed that the broadcaster had not really remitted Inocencio's contributions during the time she was employed by Sanchez.

According to the DOJ's records of the case, Mauricio said Sanchez had paid the Inocencio's SSS contributions only after charges were filed against her with the Office of the City Prosecutor of Pasig City.

On the Inocencio's unpaid wages, Mauricio said he had also submitted records to the DOJ that showed there was no evidence that Inocencio had received her wages at the time of her service.

"We are preparing our motion for reconsideration," Mauricio said yesterday in a statement. He said that they will also ask Perez to personally decide on their motion for reconsideration.

Inocencio, 42, had also filed with the Makati City prosecutor's office charges of slight physical injuries against Sanchez and her supposed boyfriend Pol O. Aquino in December last year.

In her complaint-affidavit dated Dec. 27, 2001, Inocencio said she started working as a domestic helper for Sanchez on Sept. 27, 2001 at her residence in Pasig City with a monthly salary of P3,500.

She said she stayed with Sanchez until the broadcaster and her supposed boyfriend Aquino mauled her on Dec. 21 last year inside Aquino's house in Bel-Air, Makati.

Her case of slight physical injuries against Sanchez is still undergoing preliminary investigation.

Sanchez, in turn, had accused Inocencio of stealing an expensive piece of jewelry from her while under her employ, and had filed theft charges against her.

SANCHEZ

2 fires hit QC

TWO fires broke out in Quezon City yesterday, leaving one dead and several others injured.

Josefa Laugo, 24, was killed in the fire that broke out in the place where she worked, the Labandera Ko Laundry Shop on V. Luna Road, Quezon City. She sustained third degree burns and died while being taken to the hospital.

Injured were Moises Rubio, owner of the laundry shop, and two other employees who were not identified.

The fire broke out about 2 p.m. when a dryer exploded for still unknown reason. The blaze was put out in less than an hour.

Only a few hours earlier, another fire gutted a candy and snack food factory on Resthaven Street, Barangay Bungad, Project 7, Quezon City.

A firefighter and a tabloid photographer sustained minor burns in the fire that broke out at the Sytengco Enterprises Corp.

The fire spread to neighboring houses, including one that reportedly belonged to the mother of Ilocos politician Bingbong Crisologo. ***Agnes Donato***

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, April 21, 2002
4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

On Pentecost day, Peter stood up with the Eleven and, with a loud voice, addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all foreigners now staying in Jerusalem, listen to what I have to say.

Let Israel then know for sure that God has made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified."

When they heard this, they were deeply troubled. And they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?"

Peter answered: "Each of you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise of God was made to you and your children, and to all those from afar whom our God may call."

With many other words Peter gave the message and appealed to them saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who accepted his word were baptized; some three thousand persons were added to their number that day.

2nd Reading: 1 P 2:20-25

What merit would there be in taking a beating when you have done wrong? But if you endure punishment when you have done well, that is a grace before God.

This is your calling: remember Christ who suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you may follow in his way. He *did no wrong and there was no deceit in his mouth.* He did not return insult for insult and, when suffering, he did not curse but put himself in the hands of God who judges justly. He went to the cross burdened with our sins so that we might die to sin and live an upright life. *For by his wounds you have been healed.* You were like stray sheep, but you have come back to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. But the shepherd of the sheep enters by the gate. The keeper opens the gate to him and the sheep hear his voice; he calls each of his sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them and the sheep follow him for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, rather they will run away from him because they don't recognize a stranger's voice."

Jesus used this comparison, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep. All who came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not hear them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved; he will go in and out freely and find food.

The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that **they may have life, life in all its fullness."**

Commentary

Not every spiritual guide is to be trusted. There is money in religion. And status, influence, connections. Religion attracts every kind of crank and neurotic, especially those who like the sound of their own voice. Would-be shepherds can be robbers. Genuine shepherds enter by the gate, and Jesus is the gate. The shepherds we can trust are those who do not return insult for insult (second reading) who suffer for their flock, carry the burdens of the weak, who have the spirit of the beatitudes—poor, aware of suffering, gentle, thirsty for justice, merciful, pure of heart, do not shrink from persecution in the cause of right, while maintaining a joyful and non-vindictive spirit. Such as these witness to Jesus—the way, the truth and the life.

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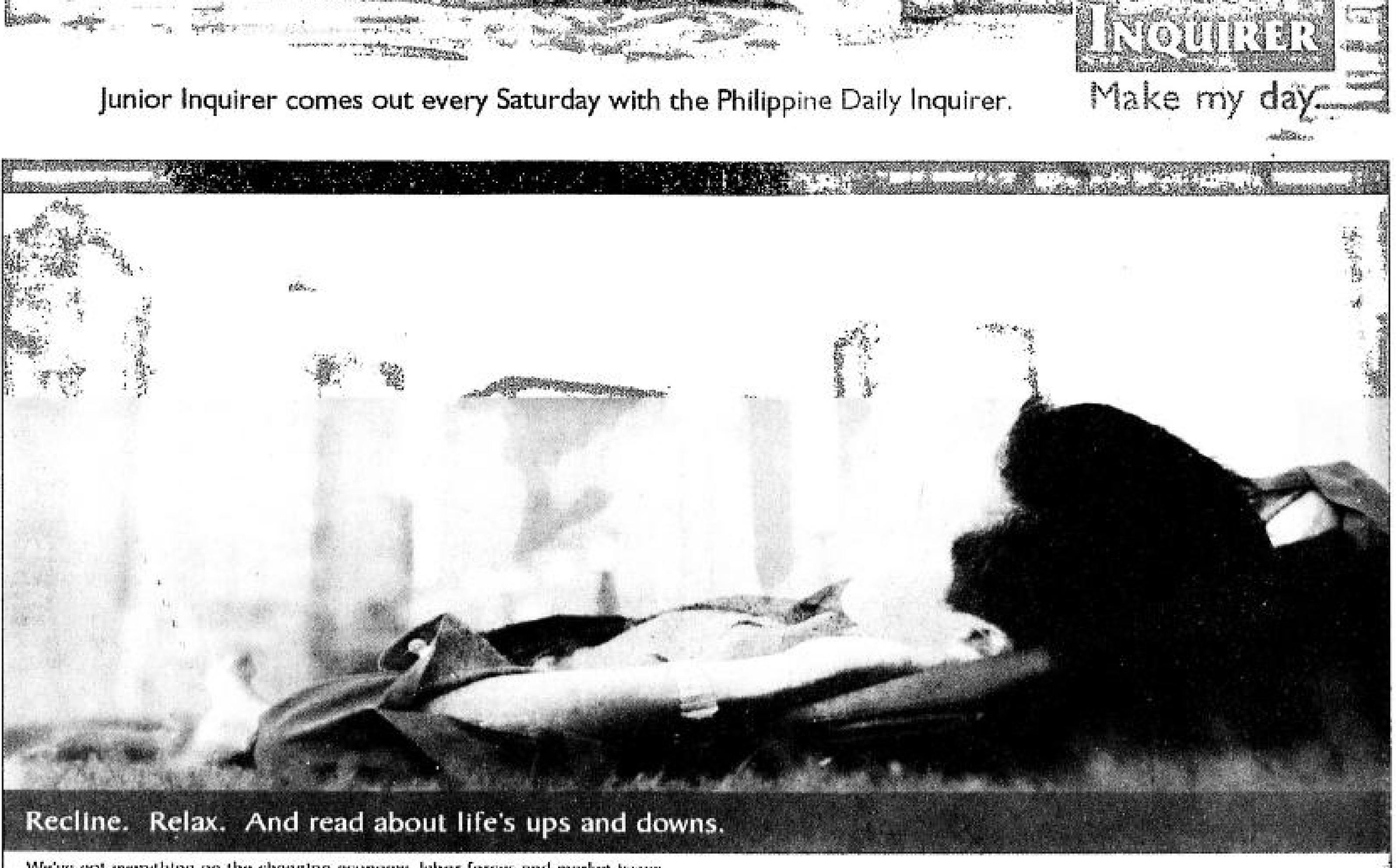
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Richard as a show biz talk show host

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WHEN it was first announced that **Richard Gomez** was bolting the ABS-CBN camp to join GMA 7 to star in a new soap and cohost the "S-Files" show biz talk-magazine show, some people wondered if he was biting off more than he could chew.

The soap opera was no problem, because Richard had done any number of dramatic movies in the past. But, hosting a program about show biz goings-on and controversies? Would Richard really be interested in such sometimes silly and tawdry goings-on?

Wouldn't he feel shy or guilty about poking into the affairs and other skeletons in the closets of his fellow-*artistas*? Would he be able to resist the please of his show biz friends to go easy on the questions he would ask them?

Last Sunday, Richard had his first stint on GMA 7's "S-Files," and this viewer's initial impression was rather blah, because during the first portions, the new cohost merely read his spiels and didn't really come into his own in his exchanges with **Janice de Belen** and **Paolo Bediones**.

Luckily, Richard was soon given his own portion to handle, "Usapang Lalake," which last Sunday had him shooting the breeze with three actors who had separated with their wives—**Jomari Yllana, Joey Marquez** and **Wendel Ramos.**

It was during this portion that Richard showed he had what it takes to become a good, nosey show biz talk show host. Despite his closeness to Joey, Richard asked hard questions that put his guests on the spot, but without turning them off or ending their friendship.

It is this combination of hard questions and chummy interviewing style that makes Richard unique as a host of a program like "S-Files." Since he's from show biz himself, celebrity guests feel at ease with him, and yet he doesn't forget his obligation to viewers and the program itself to ask the questions that people want answered.

This is a new side to Richard Gomez that has emerged only now. Even with Paolo gone for some weeks, "S-Files" should fare well in the hands of Janice and Richard.

It would be better, though, if they weren't so obviously dependent on pre-written spiels, because this sometimes makes the show sound artificial. It would be better if the hosts were given greater leeway to make the show truly their own, by expressing their thoughts in their own way.

Of course, this would require more preparations, briefings, rehearsals and work on their part, but it would make the program feel less "produced" and more spontaneous. Are Janice, Richard and Paolo up to it?

Love-hate relationship, 2

MORE stars bare their feelings about fans and the media: **Robert Downey Jr.**: Fans and the press hope to see us at our worst, so you figure, why be on your best behavior all the time when all it takes is one slip-up?

Robin Williams: The paparazzi follow me into the men's room. "Robin, could you hold it up? Could you make the puppet talk? Oh, you're having a movement? Great! It's 'Live Stools of the Rich and Famous!"

K.D. Lang: At a concert, this rude guy, a heckler, shouted, "Are you a lesbian?" I thought" Are you the alternative?

Vivien Leigh: The classic movie star pattern is this: The public loves you when you're on the way up; they dislike or hate you when you've reached the top; and they are indifferent to you when you're slipping—by which time they're busy admiring and rooting for newer and younger stars.

Angela Lansbury: I grieve for Princess Diana, we all do. The nature of fame has gotten more and more potentially frightening. If I were a young person starting out today, I don't think I would seek the same path.

Alec Baldwin: I predict there will be laws against what can only be termed the stalker-azzi. The question is, how many famous people will have to die before we see those laws?

Kirk Cameron: I had a lot of problems with people following me home, people literally trying to run me off the freeway, getting into accidents. It was nuts! I got another car with tinted windows. And now I don't say what kind of car I drive.

Emma Thompson: I regard fame with skepticism. If it were to showball into something worse, I'd stop acting. Why would you put yourself through it? Pointless. If being famous takes your life away, then stop being famous. Say no. Walk away!

Cheryl Tiegs: People will say, right in front of you, "Oh, she's not as pretty as I thought. It must be the make-up, or something. Or the cameras." They say this as if I'm a mannequin, not a breathing human being!

Holy Land before the war

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

I AM used to staying up late just watching TV, an old film on video or reading books, if not writing an article to meet the deadline the following day.

But for several nights, I have been kept awake even after 3 a.m. watching CNN reports on the relentless wave of suicide bombings in Jerusalem and the Palestinians trampling on sacred grounds.

Two years, ago, I went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and visited places that I only read about in the Bible. It was a very spiritual experience. I had never before visited so many churches or attended Masses daily like I did in the Holy Land.

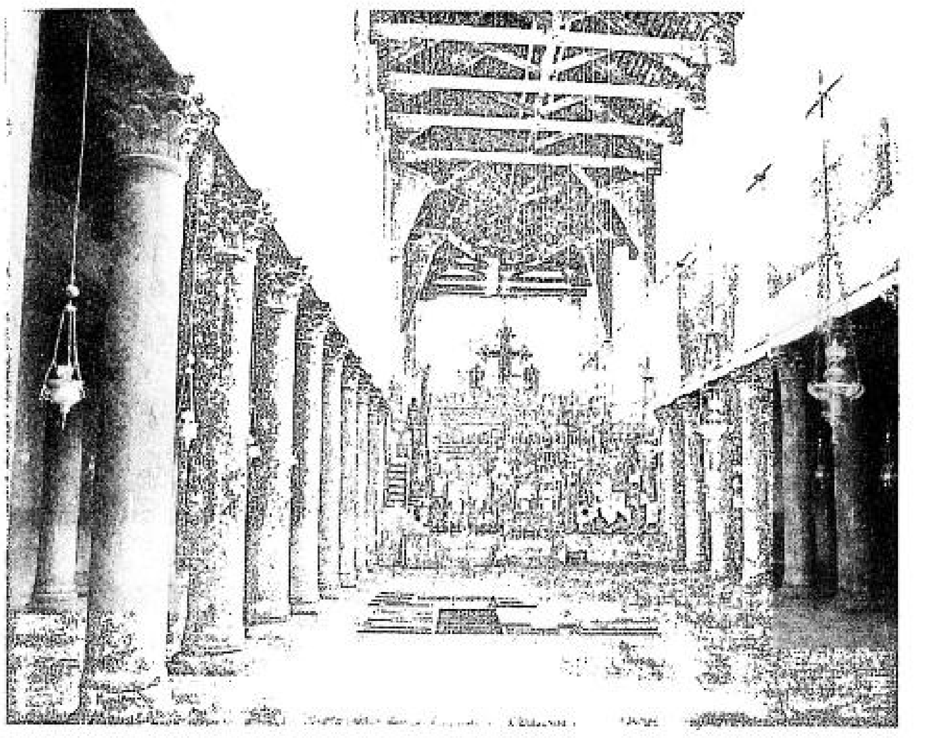
At the Church of the Pater Noster, a Tagalog version of The Lord's Prayer ("Ama Namin)" is inscribed on the walls of the cloister, along with 60 others in other languages.

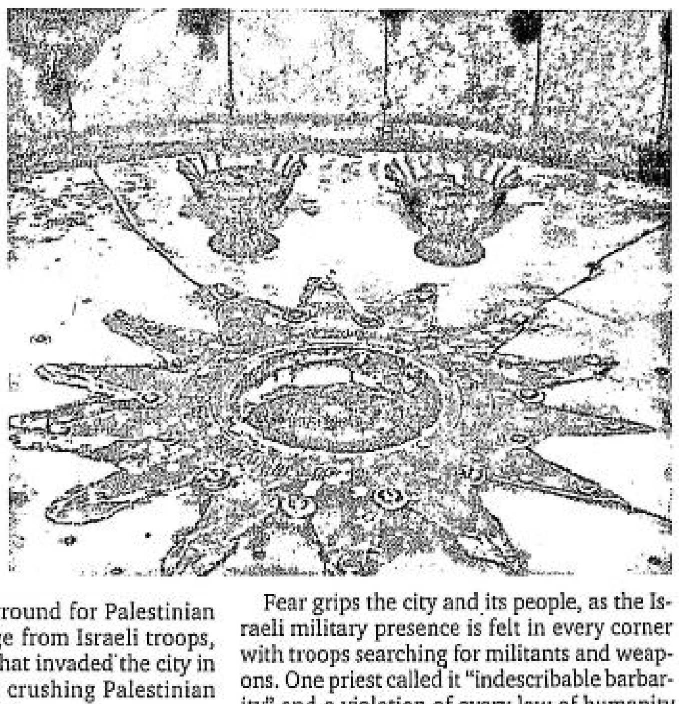
I visited the Mount of Olives where Christ often came for meditation and prayer. On top of it is the Chapel of the Ascension, before whose altar is a rock with what is said to be a footprint that Christ left behind before He ascended to heaven.

At the foot of the Mount of Olives is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus, on the night of His arrest, underwent the most sorrowful hour of His passion.

Inside the walls of Jerusalem, I took the Via Dolorosa, the pathway Jesus followed while carrying the cross to Calvary.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, meanwhile, is where the body of Jesus was laid after the Crucifixion. It stands over Golgotha, which is also known as the place of the skull.





INTERIOR of the Basilica of Nativity in Bethlehem, with the silver star (below, right), grotto of the birth of Jesus Christ, under the central altar.

Calvary, about 45 feet from the ground, has two chapels and one-third of their platform rests on the actual rock where Jesus was crucified.

The Basilica of the Nativity is in the shape of a cross and is divided into five aisles by four rows of columns. In the grotto under the central altar is a silver star commemorating the birth of Jesus.

I had goose bumps when I went inside the church that is one of Bethlehem's holiest shrines. Today, the place has been turned into a hiding ground for Palestinian gunmen seeking refuge from Israeli troops, helicopters and tanks that invaded the city in an offensive aimed at crushing Palestinian militias in the West Bank.

In the wee hours last Wednesday, I flinched as I listened to the reports that for 30 minutes after dark on Tuesday, there was gunfire again outside the Church of the Nativity. Troops opened fire at the church with heavy machine guns, damaging its windows. And that was not the first attack. Last week, the southern gate of the church was blown up and the blast wounded a number of people.

The CNN correspondent was reporting through an audio feed, although he had a direct line of sight to Bethlehem's Manger Square, where the Church of the Nativity is located.

There was also a report that same night that said the Jenin refugee camp was bulldozed, leaving 3,000 families homeless, hundreds of people dead and scores wounded.

On Easter Sunday, when the rest of the world was celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, Israeli troops backed by tanks attacked the headquarters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank.

A grenade explosion was reported in the city center on Good Friday, when Israeli soldiers traded fire with Palestinians.

Israeli forces previously entered Bethlehem several times in the past 18 months of fighting, but they had been ordered not to harm holy places and they had kept their distance from the church. But during Holy Week, the soldiers chose to attack Bethlehem.

Today, instead of tourists from all over the world streaming into the Holy Land, you'd see tanks, soldiers, assault rifles, warplanes and helicopters. Troops have commandeered homes and buildings, set up walls of sandbags in residential areas and dug trenches, leaving the hilly streets looking like a maze.

Fear grips the city and its people, as the Israeli military presence is felt in every corner with troops searching for militants and weapons. One priest called it "indescribable barbarity" and a violation of every law of humanity and civilization.

I cringe every time I watch the cable news channels reporting about the battle in Israel. We can only pray that the war will be over soon.

Regine for a cause

SUPPORTING worthy causes is nothing new to **Regine Velasquez**. When ABS-CBN asked her to perform in a concert for the benefit of the abused and neglected children of Bantay Bata 163, she said yes at once.

She had to set aside the fact that she is a GMA 7 talent. She agreed to do the show because it's for a good cause.

"One Night With Regine Velasquez" for the first time features Regine, a GMA 7 talent, in an ABS-CBN production. The concert will be held on April 26 on the front steps of the National Museum. It will also feature the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra and the San Miguel Master Chorale, under the direction of **Ryan Cayabyab**.

Performing with Regine are **Bituin Escalante, Roselle Nava, Carol Banawa, RJ Rosales** and **Ogie Alcasid**.

In the past, Regine has done benefit concerts for such institutions as Singapore's National Kidney Foundation, the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philippines' Bridges School for Special Children.

Proceeds of "One Night With Regine Velasquez" will finance the construction of the Bantay Bata 163 Children's Village in Bulacan. It will be the home of about 200 children from the Bantay Bata program of the ABS-CBN Foundation.

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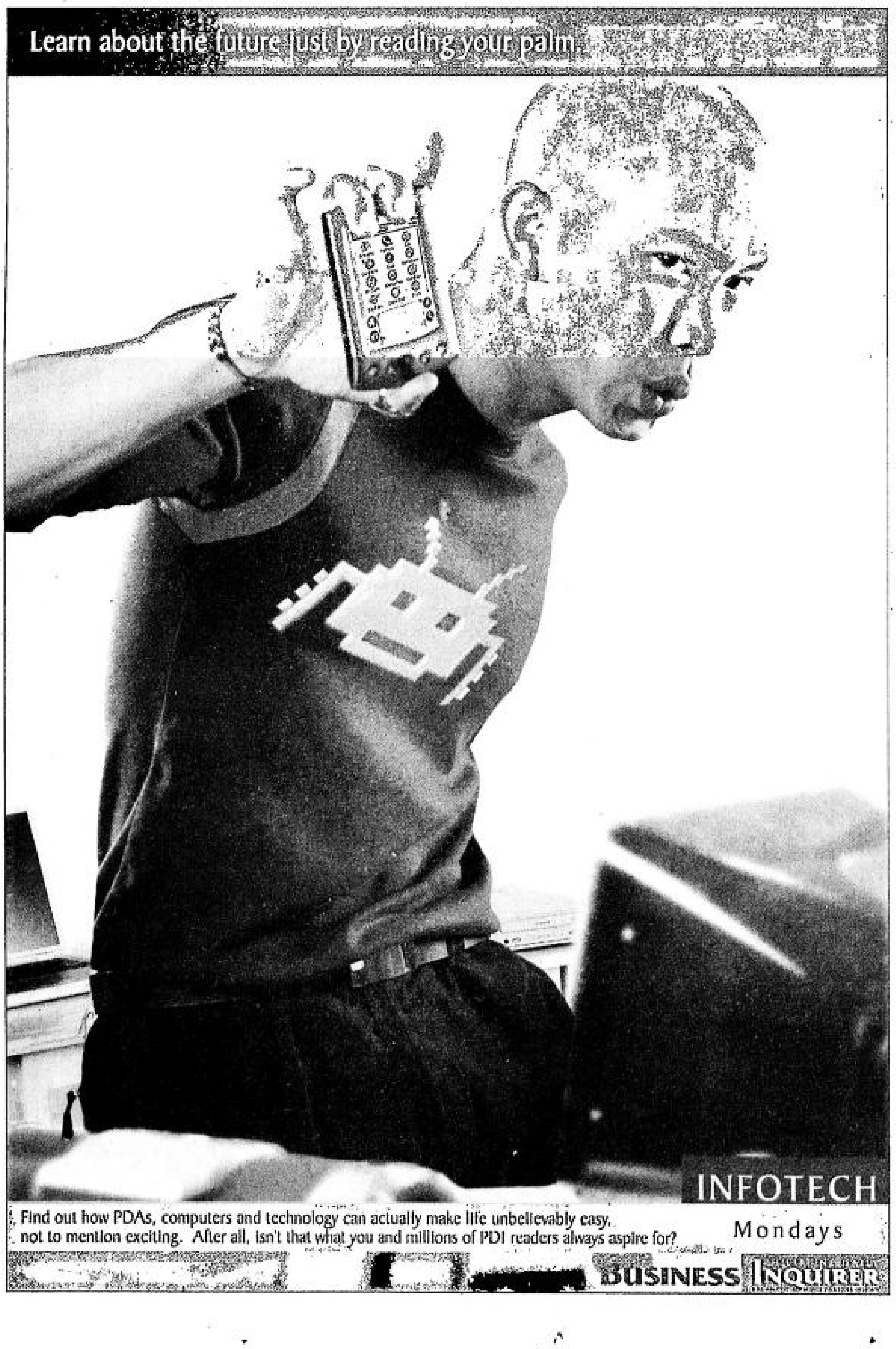

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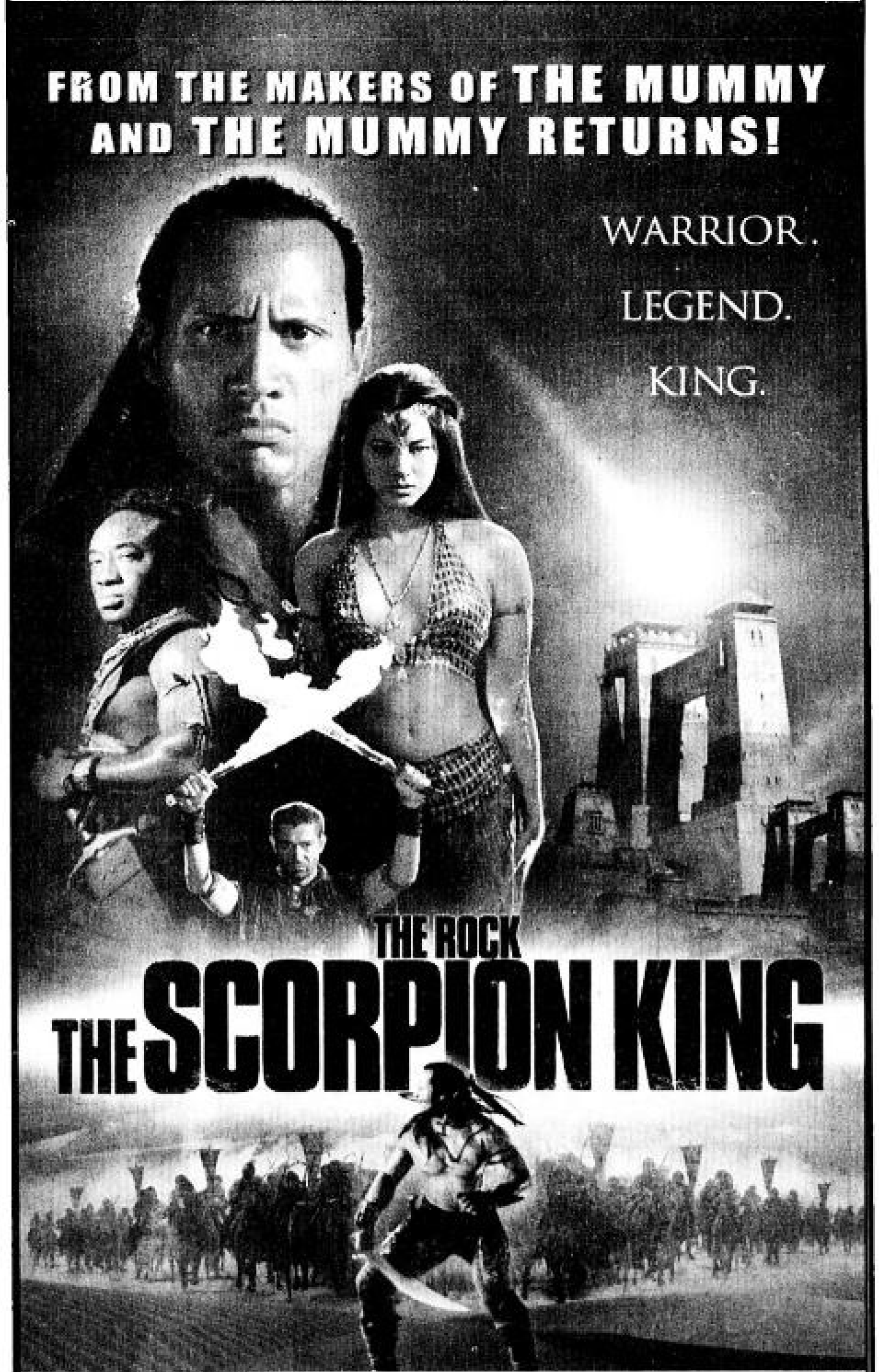

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Quizon brothers host new travel show on RPN 9

PHILIPPINE TV takes a trip across the islands and Southeast Asia with "Road Trip," a weekly travel show which premieres at 11 tonight on RPN 9.

Hosted by brothers Eric and Jeffrey Quizon, with a special weekly female celebrity host, "Road Trip" combines aspects of well-known shows such as "Lonely Planet" and "Wild on E!"

The show will visit both well-known and undiscovered destinations in the country, providing Philippine viewers an up-close, in-depth and entertaining introduction to their own backyard.

The new program will also feature key spots in Southeast Asia.

"Everyone knows our main tourist destinations, but sometimes that familiarity develops into a kind of blase among Filipinos," explains Eric, who is also the executive producer of the show.

"What 'Road Trip' wants to do is reintroduce viewers to exciting destinations through a funny and surprising story line and through the eyes and voices of local residents. I'm confident that the audience will easily identify with the savvy and quirky nature of how we present the show, and how we seek to highlight some of the most unique and interesting aspects about our islands."

The pilot episode of "Road Trip" takes viewers to "Magical Cebu." The one-hour special was taped during Cebu City's Sinulog Festival.

Succeeding episodes will take viewers to the Cordillera mountains, visiting much loved Baguio as well as other little-known mountain destinations.

Also in the works are shows that will travel to other tourist jewels in Southeast Asia, such as Bali, Indonesia, Singapore and other destinations.

"I'm positive that everyone's going to find 'Road Trip' to be the travel show they haven't seen before, but one that they will want to see every week," says Eric.

"Road Trip" is supported by Nokia and WG&A Superferry.

Founder's day

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The musical encounter highlights the founder's day celebration of the Center for Pop Music Philippines.

Featured performers are Roselle Nava, Dessa and Cooky Chua, lead vocalist of Color It Red.

Other recording stars who will pay tribute to their trainer include Gian Moreno of Octo-Arts-EMI ("Unang Tamis"), Formula lead vocalist Michael G ("Kunin Mo Na ang Lahat sa Akin") and Nerissa of Ivory Records.

Highlighting the musical performance is the special participation of Dulce.

Past students of Center for Pop are invited to join the founder's day celebration.

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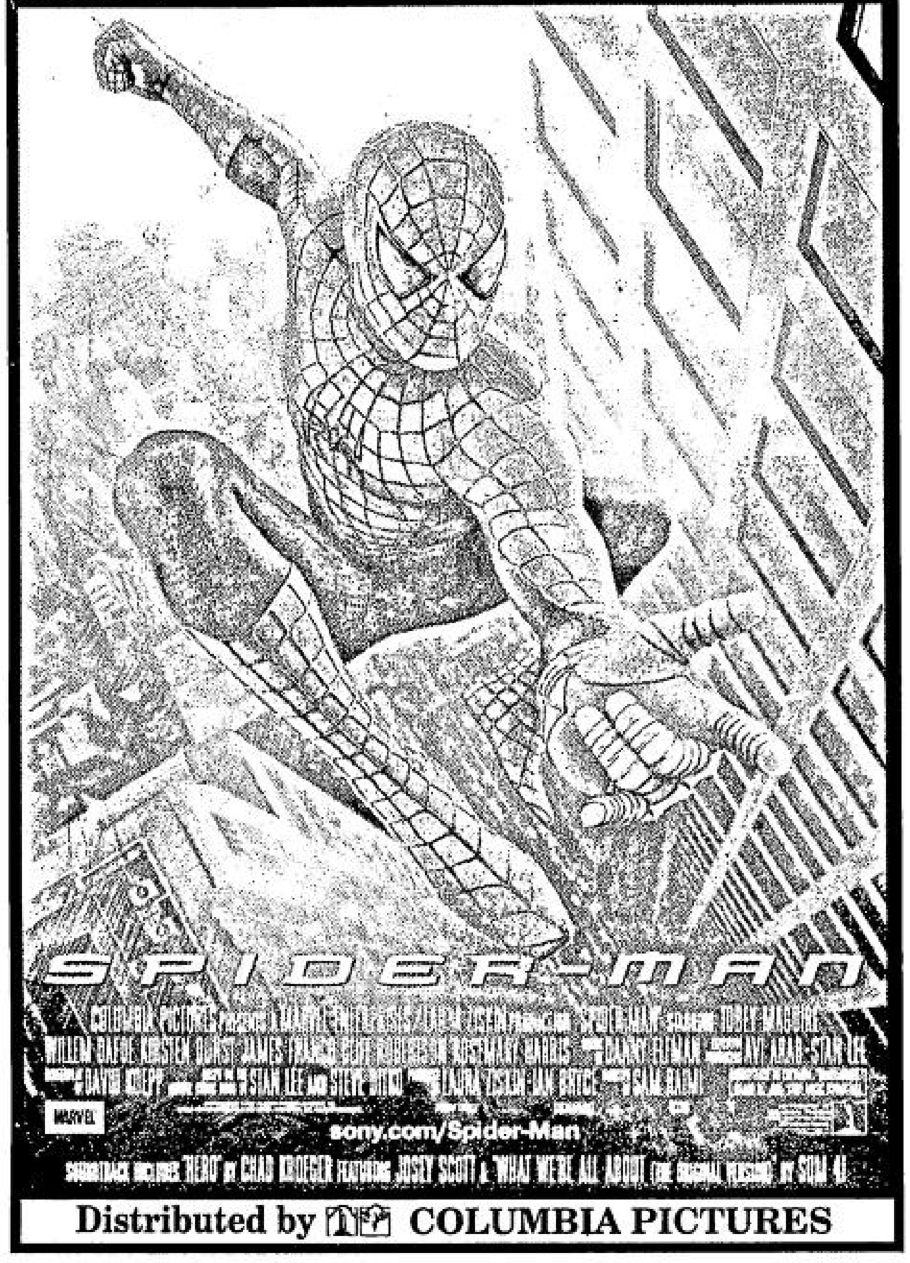

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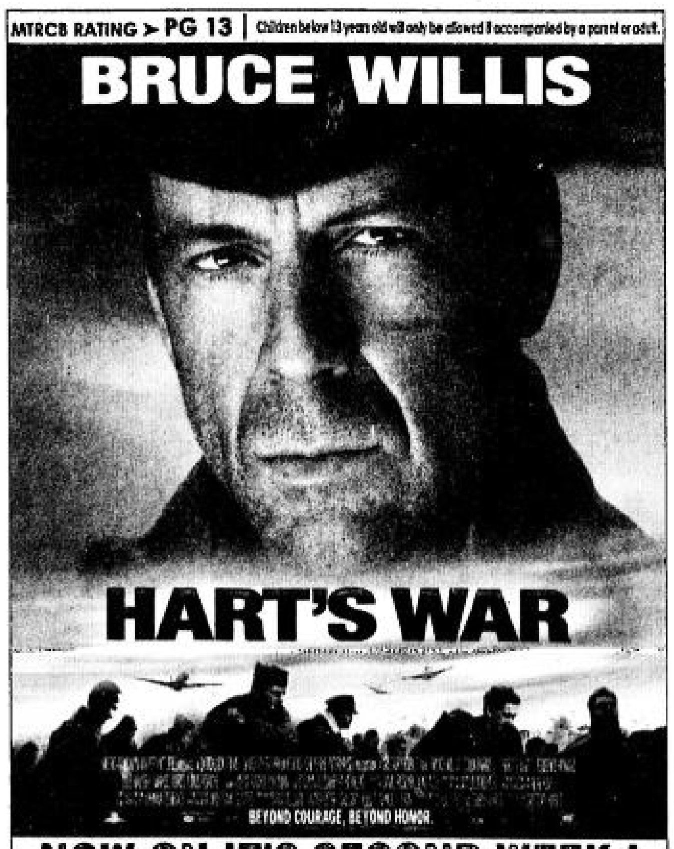

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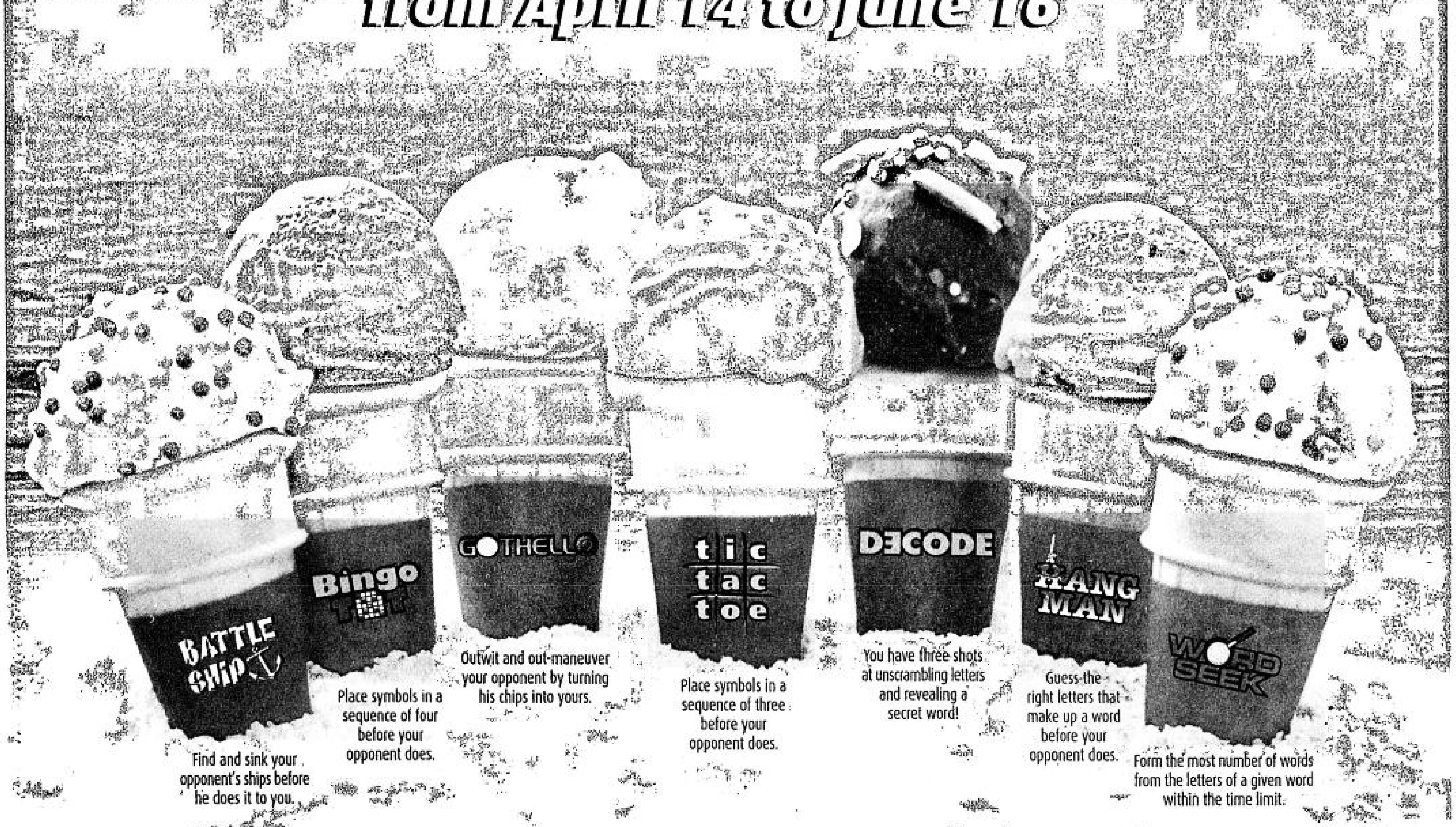

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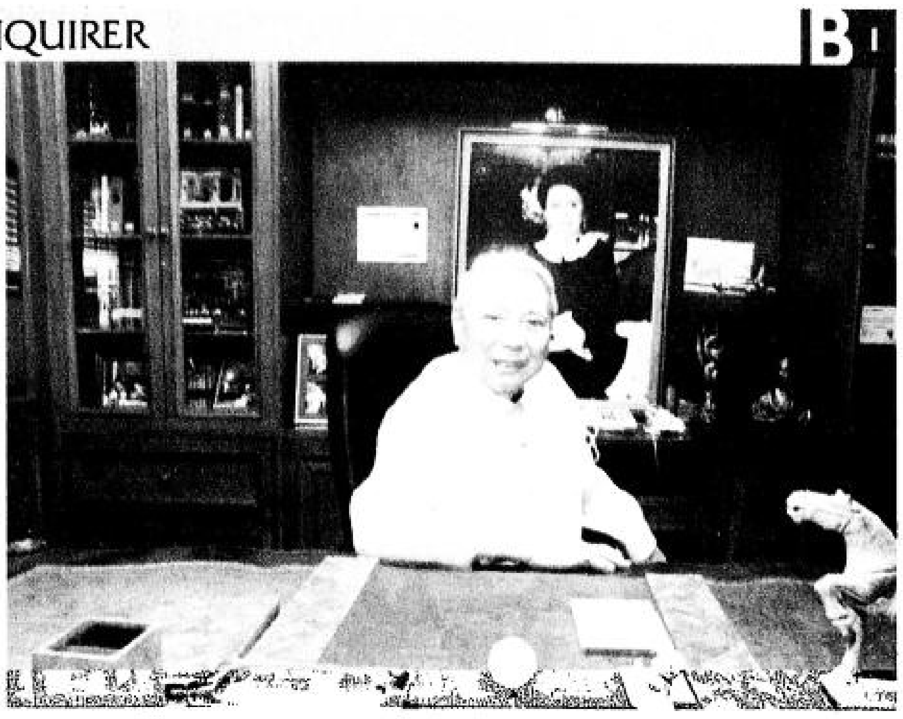
81-year-old still opens doors when opportunity knocks



TANTOCO: What consumers want today is value for money—*bonito pero barato.*

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

BIENVENIDO R. Tantoco Sr. of the Rustan group of companies has achieved much. But at 81, he is still keen on getting into new things.

He cites that the man who started Occidental Petroleum Corp., put up the firm in his 80s and it grew to be one of the world's largest oil and natural gas exploration and production firms.

With such a principle, Tantoco has kept himself busy getting into new things the past few years. He was personally involved in setting up Shopwise, the country's first hypermart which also marked the Rustan's group's entry into the middle market, and brought the Starbucks coffee chain in Manila.

"Opportunity comes. When it comes, you have to grab it. Because *hindi na babalik e.* (It may not come back)," says Tantoco.

Starbucks which already has 43 outlets in just three years in Manila was a product of immediately opening a door when opportunity knocks.

AFTER 60 years, his alma mater, Jose Rizal University honors him with a doctorate degree.

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Tantoco says he and his two grandsons—Bienvenido "Donnie" Tantoco III , GM of Shopwise; and Anton Huang of the Store Specialists Inc.—were presenting to a large US wholesaler, which the Rustan's group wanted to bring into the country.

The wholesaler, however, was not ready to enter the Philippine market. It just so happened that one of the directors of the wholesaler was also a director of Starbucks. He asked the group if they would like to present to the coffee firm.

"We did not plan it but the opportunity came," he says.

The same with setting up a duty-free shop in Morocco. Because of political reasons he and his wife had to stay in Morocco during Corazon Aquino's presidency. But instead of moping about the situation, he looked for opportunities and came up with one.

Tantoco was in Manila recently to receive an honoris causa as Doctor of Humanities from his alma mater, the Jose Rizal University.

Tantoco says he felt "almost shocked" when told by JRU chair, Armand V. Fabella, that they "are considering giving me this doctorate. I said why? I graduated 60 years ago."

But he declares, "I felt this was the culmination of everything I did in life" adding that Fabella said what they were looking for was an alumni who can be a role model for their graduates.

Despite the wealth and luxury his name and that of his company represents, Tantoco was a product of hard work and determination.

"We were eight children in the family and when I finished high school my father told me I can only send all of you through high school. After high school, *bahala na kayo* (you're on your own). So I had to find a job," he recalls.

He looked for work but with no degree, he realized his options were limited. "I had to find a job. I looked for a job but what was I qualified for —I was just a high school graduate."

Luckily for him, he had a rich uncle—Ernesto Rufino who owned several businesses. He got a job as a clerk and worked during the day and studied Commerce at night at JRU.

What made him persevere?

"You cannot think of having a promotion and becoming somebody important, until you finish. That is also what I told the graduates," he says.

At the commencement exercise of the Malolos Elementary School where he finished his primary education, he told the 12-year olds: "Now that you finished 6th grade you must all strive to go to high school and college. You cannot really be successful until you study."

He laments that financial reasons deter students from finishing school so he granted scholarships to 60 HS students.

Tantoco is proud that he is a product of the public school system and that he was able to go to college and achieve a lot.

In his keynote address, he shared with the JRU graduates the "secrets that have made Rustan's what it is today":

"One, have a dream, and nurture that dream. Two, have the determination to succeed. Three, always be innovative and always put your talent and creativity to the test. Fourth, work very hard."

Rustan's began in the living room of the Tantocos. After college, he continued to work for his uncle who owned several cinemas in Manila. One time he was sent to Hollywood and his wife Gliceria, went on a shopping spree.

Back in Manila, she sold the goods she bought to friends who bought everything. That was the start. As business grew, they opened a shop. Later on they brought in signature brands and the store has become synonymous with high-end items.

"Rustan's as of now is high-end. When you talk of Rustan's you talk of luxury—Christian Dior, Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent. If you will really think about it, Rustan's is the only high-end store in the whole country."

But he feels Rustan's has already achieved the peak of its growth with five stores. "We don't have that many people who can afford Rustan's . For that reason we went into Shopwise. Shopwise is C-D, maybe B. You won't find any Gucci there. But you will find the fresh goods cheaper than the market. In the dry goods section you will find lower priced goods. And this

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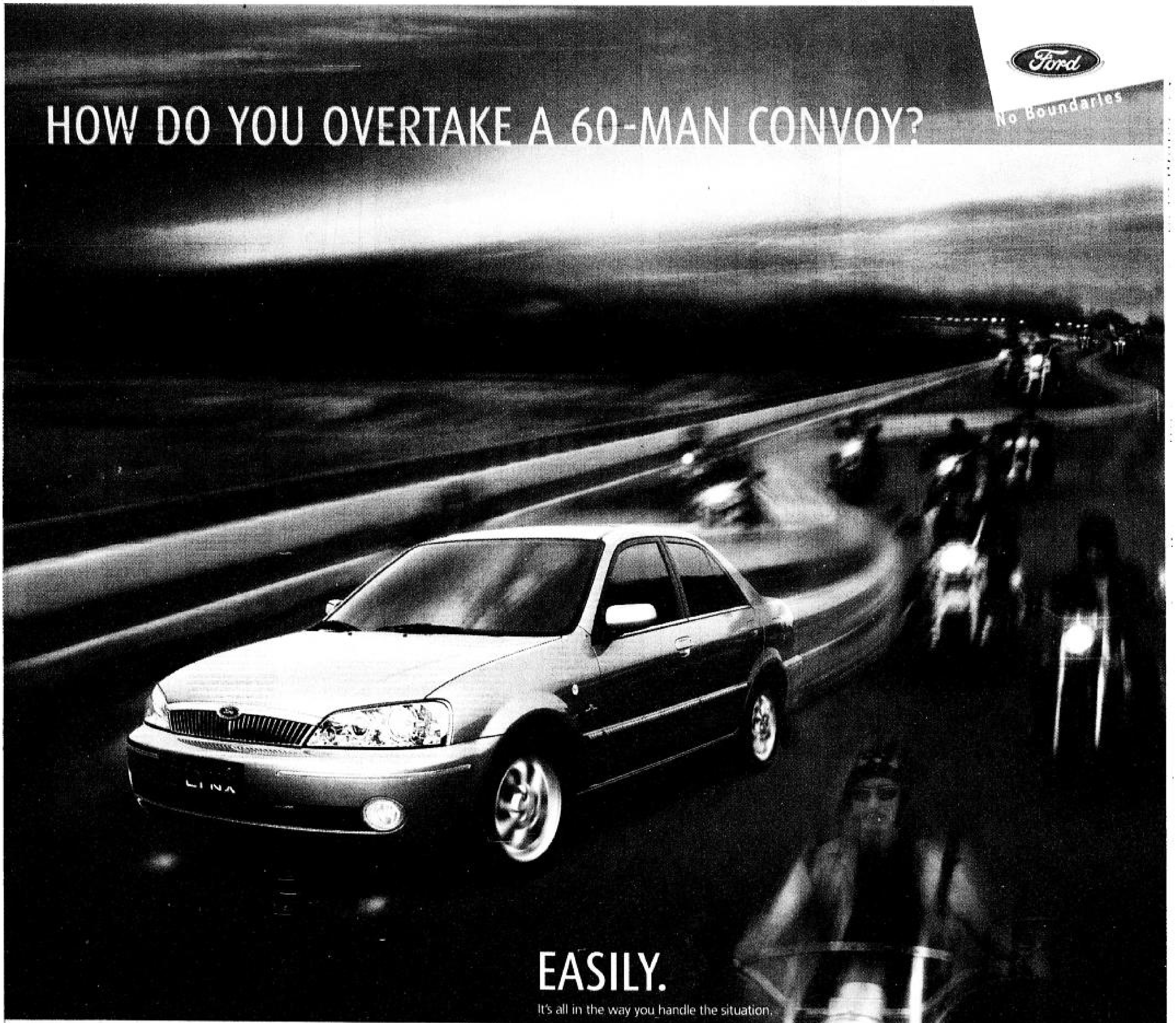
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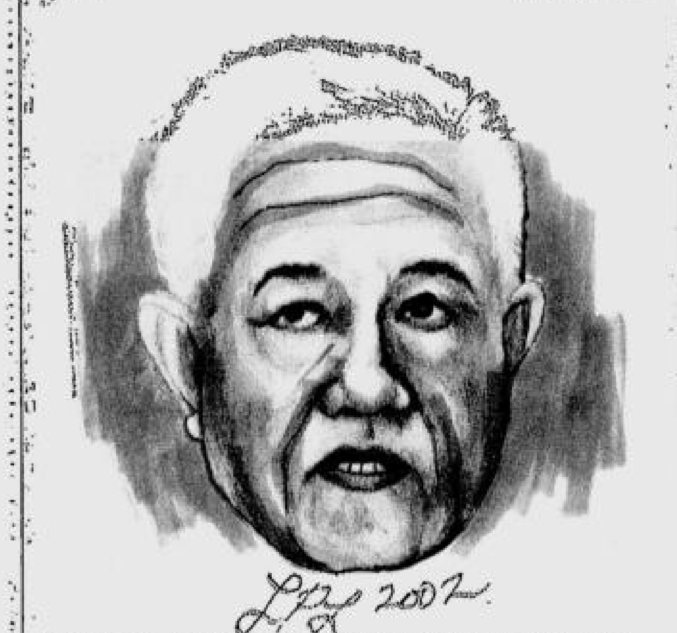

CESAR E.A. Virata was recently elected to represent the banking community as head of the Bankers Association of the Philippines.

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Is a change in the offing under the helm of this financial whiz?

The Rainforest: Business icon for this century?

EXECUTIVE READ

"What We Learned in the Rainforest"
By Tachi Kiuchi & Bill Shireman
Berrett-Koehler Publishers Inc., 2002

By Dante M. Velasco

ALVIN Toffler ("The Third Wave") said it a few years ago—that we were then at the threshold of a post-industrial age about to step into the "information society."

Many more social and economic prophets forewarned us to brace up for the expanded role—and rule—of information processing and distribution offices, while they announced the greatly reduced influence of the factory floor.

Side by side, however, with the exciting prospects of super abundant information being delivered with the speed of light through fiber optics, we of the third millennium are also facing the prospects of diminishing resources and increasing waste.

While the promise of a higher quality of life is within the grasp of the 21st century individual, the specter of extinction hangs over everyone.

We are optimistic in one breath, and we are overwhelmed with pessimism the next. Is this the destiny of human life on earth? What about business whose view is to exploit our natural resources so it can grow, as if nature and business cannot pro-exist?

More philosophically, we ask: Is there a future for mankind—and for its preoccupations like business?

There is a book, just off the press, titled "What We Learned in the Rainforest," which provides us a metaphor that illuminates what is actually happening and lights the way for some definitive steps.

That way, we can have the best of both worlds: businesses can continue to grow while Mother Nature remains rich, diverse and plays its role to feed and sustain us all.

"If instead of controlling nature we listen to and learn from it, we can find our way with minimal pain and maximal gain," say Tachi Kiuchi and Bill Shireman, the authors. These people know whereof they speak. Kiuchi is chair and CEO emeritus of Mitsubishi Electric America, while Shireman is chair and CEO of Global Futures.

While this is an easy-to-read book, the concepts are neither simplistic nor shallow—because they actually go against the grain—introducing new mindsets that are short of revolutionary.

They start us off with a fundamental point: Business is part of nature, and so it must work like nature with its diversity, collaborative/competitive processes, death and rebirth.

The authors—who have visited a Costa Rican rainforest and who have tried skydiving in order to use two illuminating metaphors—offer seven lessons that must be clear enough to executives like you and me.

The first lesson: Use limit to create value—close the loop. Setting off with the premise that even the rainforest has limits, the authors noted that nature has a way of preserving itself in a give and take universe (a loop).

Business, they say, must also find ways to close the loop—meaning, a recovery system, where wastes are re-used in a self-nurturing cycle.

The book cites the case of Coors, makers of beer, who gave birth to many other businesses because it learned from the rainforest.

The second lesson: Replace physical resources with information—and learn to do more with less. "Information has a curious quality," the authors say.

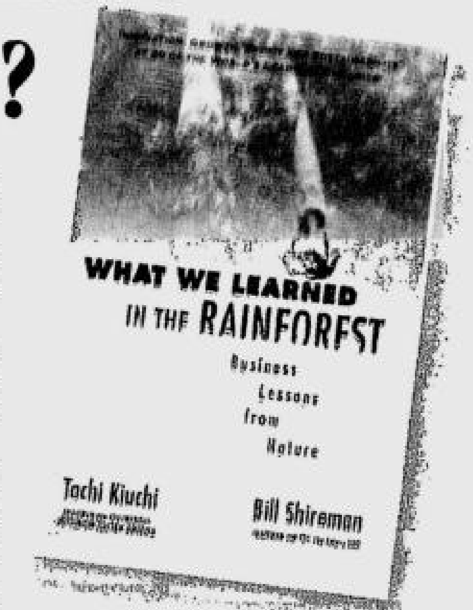
"If I give you a physical resource, then you have it, and I don't. But if I give you information, then you have it, and so do I."

(Actually, Hilarion Henares said basically the same thing when he criticized the Philippines' export policy almost a decade ago. He said, if I may recall, that the reason we lose in the international trade game is we confine our exports to something physical like bananas and sugar, while the Japanese and other advanced countries export technology. He pointed out that if we sell bananas, we lose the bananas; but if the Japanese sell technology, they don't lose such know-how!)

An article in Fortune magazine many issues ago compared the cost of producing a Ford automobile prototype and a Microsoft software—saying that the profit from software is far far heftier than that from a car.

The book is illuminating: "Information can be expensive to create, but it is cheap to reproduce and distribute."

The errors of Xerox and Apple are also discussed here, principally for basing their business models "on the illusion that the value was in the hardware rather than the software."



Five more lessons from nature are offered by the book—from creating a whole new way to profit to inventing an entirely new economy consistent with the ways of nature; from creating diversity of products to knowing the "four seasons of business"—namely innovation, growth, improvement and release.

The book recommends that we must also be sensitive to signals when a certain enterprise is at its death's throes and must, therefore, "release." Because, they are quick to add, release will be followed by a "rebirth."

Are these authors offering unrealistic policies, born of their rich imagination? Certainly not.

Their observations are rooted in a study of the world's 20 leading companies who have discovered that they could maximize their business performance "as they become like nature, a complex and dynamic living system."

The assembly line was once the icon of the industrial age. We thought the microchip is the apt trademark of the information age.

Read this book when it reaches the bookstores—and you will conclude that the verdant, lush rainforest is the better icon for the first century. After all, we have already gone full circle. We are all going back to nature! *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

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Christopher L. Ong is a no-nonsense architect who would maximize his clients budget for his dream edifice rather than satisfy his ego. His philosophy in designs combines beauty and excellence in simplicity. His works are natural and classy but do not execute extravagance and grandiosity at the expense of his client. "Every work I do is a masterpiece, my reward is the clients' satisfaction and their referrals are my trophies," Architect Ong said.

Architect Ong's works can be so expressive, vibrantly alive and entirely attuned to the rhythm of structure and the environment. A mixture of modern technology and meticulously selected materials he depicts his quest for beauty and form matched by his passion for design excellence. This is evident when he did the Nextel glass building in España. He was the first one to introduce, modify and fabricate a curved glass to give the building a soft touch."

"When it comes to houses, I always source out for indigenous and natural materials, only those which will invite termites are artificial. For example, instead of using woods for the wall, I use concrete with the wall effects. I like natural materials like the green shades in narra flooring and green stones together. Like the building I did in Lucena, Quezon I used aluminum materials for the façade of the building, he explained.

Among his designs include a townhouse complex of 67 units plus clubhouse, parks and pool in Parañaque; a 26-unit 3 storey townhouse in Barangka Drive, Mandaluyong, and a 4-hectare manufacturing plant for Wukong, Singapore, PTE. LTD in EPZA, Cavite. He also designed various residential projects in Green Meadows, Greenhills, Ayala Alabang, Dasmariñas Village, Acropolis Subdivision, Ayala Heights and Beverly Hills in Cebu City.

Architect Ong is a gem in the UAP. He is the youngest to become a fellow of UAP, aside from having served the UAP since 1992 as a Manila Metro Chapter secretary to vice president and as charter president for two consecutive years. He was the 1996 5th National Conference of Architects Director, Deputy Chairman for Program and Planning in the 1997 23rd National Convention, Finance Officer in the 1996-97, Finance Officer in the 1996-97 UAP Area B-1 and Director of Architects' Golf Club from 1997-present.

He stored up honors and acclamation by winning architectural design competitions. His works in 1981 and 1983 entitled "Shopping Mall" and Correctional Institution, Tanay, Rizal" were both first palcersin the UST Annual Student Design Competition. He was also one of the five finalists from among the 2,000 aspirants in the search for Japan Embassy Scholarship Grant for Research Student in 1985. He almost got the scholarship if not for his very young age. " They thought I would just go on a shopping spree, and I felt bad for not getting the scholarship, but that did not stop me from pursuing my goal", Chris beams with pride and conviction.

To buckle down, as UAP Convention Director means sacrifices and dedication. The responsibility is a tough task to tackle. Convincing exhibitors and participants especially, at this point of the economic situation is not like selling hotcakes. Money is scarce and businessmen have a wait and see attitude. I knew it would be very hard to convince suppliers to be our exhibitors even if they have ongoing projects from us because collection is very hard." Architect Ong said.

Architect Ong uses his charisma in persuading them to believe that there are gains after the event – in short span or in the longrun. Dynamic companies and good products could weather economic turbulence and their visibility is an apt indicator of their stability.

Architect Ong's optimism successfully attracted most exhibitors who got two or more booths. "I told them that now is the time to expose their product when the economy is bad, because during good times products consequently sell."

Chris is a simple man but his ingenuity in integrating arts and sensitivity in adapting nature and traditional forms to modern designs make him an outstanding talent and his works are hallmarks of an artist with a Filipino touch. These he wishes to bequeath to his future architect daughter, who at seven already shows the traits of his father. Architect Chris Ong may be contacted at 0917-7926367.

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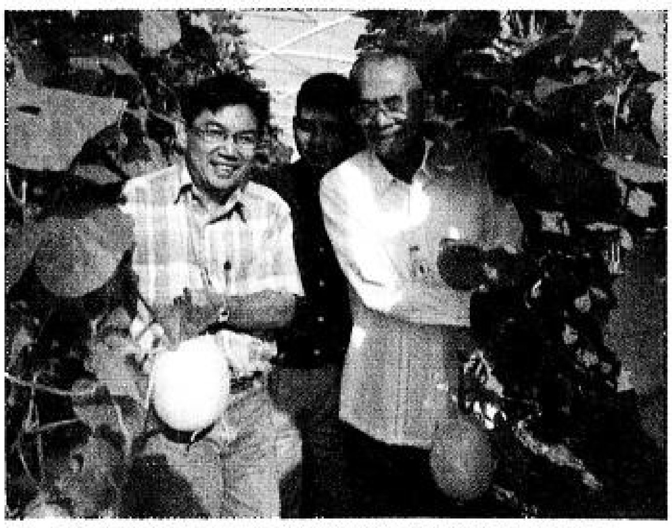
Earn millions from greenhouse technology



DR. RODOLFO Undan, president of the Central Luzon State University (right) with two visitors shows muskmelon fruits produced in a greenhouse. PHOTO BY ANSELMO ROQUE

By Anselmo Roque
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—A 1,110-square meter agricultural land is small for the commercial growing of vegetables and production of high value fruits.

But apply the latest in technology called "greenhouse technology" and this same area can bring in millions worth of revenues a year.

It is a relatively new technology in the country but is widely practiced in Israel. The initial capital needed may be high but the payback time is short.

The greenhouse farming technology, which is the term given to the high levels of efficiency and the growth and control of crops in greenhouses, is showcased at the compound of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) here.

Planted in the area last November were muskmelon plants whose variety is not commonly grown in Nueva Ecija.

During the first week of February, harvesting of the luscious muskmelon fruits started and the income was described as "very encouraging."

Engineer Chito Sace, the project's study leader, said the average weight of the harvested muskmelon fruits was 2 kilos each. Each fruit was sold at P60 a kilo.

Sace said 2,640 plants were planted in the area and only one fruit was allowed to mature per plant.

With some fruit spoilage or fruits that did not develop well, he placed the gross sales at P312,000. Expenses were placed at P50,000 which included cost of seeds, fertilizer, chemicals, electricity and labor.

Sace has yet to determine, however, other factors like depreciation cost and other incidental expenses.

Off-season planting of tomatoes will follow and another muskmelon growing comes afterwards to complete the program.

Sace shared his experiences in growing the high value crop and insights on growing crops using the greenhouse technology.

Vertical Growing

According to Sace, the main reason 2,640 plants were made to grow profitably in the 1,100-sq. m. area was the vertical growing of each plant.

The plants were trained to climb on plastic twine supported by galvanized iron wire trellising network.

In the open field, the vine crops are usually allowed to grow horizontally so that much wider spaces are needed for them. The spacing distance of the plants in the open field is wider.

The plants in the CLSU demonstration farm were allowed to grow to a maximum height of 2.5 meters.

In this greenhouse farming technology farm, 22 plots were laid out, each with a width of 80 centimeters and a length of 31 m.

Spacing distance of the plots was at 80 centimeters. The 10 to 14-day old muskmelon seedlings were planted in two rows per plot at 40 centimeters apart.

Each of the seedlings was grown in plug trays that looked very much like egg trays.

The seedlings grown in growing medium of a mixture of garden soil and humus in each of the holes of the tray were virtually unharmed when

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Ready-to-drink coffee market jolts the US

NEW YOR—Everyone wants to be involved in a "hot" consumer trend, even if the idea has a slightly warmed-over feel—like the cold coffee that's about to appear ready-to-drink in supermarkets across the United States.

Prepackaged coffee drinks from pioneer Starbucks started migrating to store shelves in 1996. Despite an uneven track record, food and beverage companies are now rushing to appeal to the tastebuds and lifestyles of the twenty-something coffee bar set with pop-the-top, sweetened, iced cappuccino-like drinks.

"The ready-to-drink market is taking off," said Suzanne J. Brown, marketing consultant at Hope-Beckham Inc. in Atlanta, who has been following the ready-to-drink niche market for years. "It's so convenient."

Iced coffee is consumed mostly by 18- to 24-year-olds, more than twice any other age group, according to the National Coffee Association's 2001 drinking trends survey.

Of 107 million daily coffee drinkers, the association found there were 2 million daily drinkers of iced/cold coffee beverages, an additional 6 million weekly drinkers, plus another 41 million occasional drinkers, all of whom are just as likely to quaff the beverage in the afternoon or evening as in the morning.

Statistics like these have attracted a number of big consumer product companies to this market—PepsiCo Inc., Procter & Gamble Co. and Coca-Cola Co., among others.

The US market was not kind to early entry Nestlé, whose Nescafé canned product flopped in the United States several years ago, though it is doing well in European markets.

Ready-to-drink coffee has long been a booming beverage market in Japan, where sales outstrip soft drinks, and coffee can be conveniently purchased from vending machines.

"Coffee drinks are not going to be the next bottled water or sports drinks. They are part of the bloom in noncarbonated beverages that we are seeing. They are going to be good niche products," said Jeffrey Kanter, beverage analyst with Prudential Securities.

Sales of shelf-stable—not refrigerated or frozen—iced coffee products from the top 10 brands in supermarkets, drug stores and mass merchandisers were up 6.3 percent at $103.5 million over the last year, according to Information Resources Inc. The IRI data exclude sales from Starbucks.

"We're at or near a double-digit rate of growth the first years but coming from a low base. We are a $350-million to $400-million retail category, with bottled Frappuccino 90 percent of the ready-to-drink category," Keith Reimer of the North American Coffee Partnership said, referring to Starbucks' trademark bottled drink.

The partnership, a joint venture between Starbucks and PepsiCo, recently rolled out the DoubleShot canned espresso beverage, meant to be served over ice or chilled.

"Frappuccino hits the sweet spot of the young professional or college student and the soccer mom looking for a sweeter or more indulgent afternoon drink," Reimer said referring to the ideal demographic.

Most in-store Frappuccino sales are freshly made, not the bottled version available in some Starbucks stores and supermarkets, and demand does not appear to vary with the season. ***Reuters***

81-year . . .

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I believe is the future. I believe you can open as many stores as you want and you will have a future—for as long as it is for the *masa* market."

Tantoco says customers are looking for value for money—"quality at a cheap price; *bonito pero barato.*"

"We are lining up more stores, as many as we can afford." he says.

Shopwise has been opening a store every year since it started in 1999.

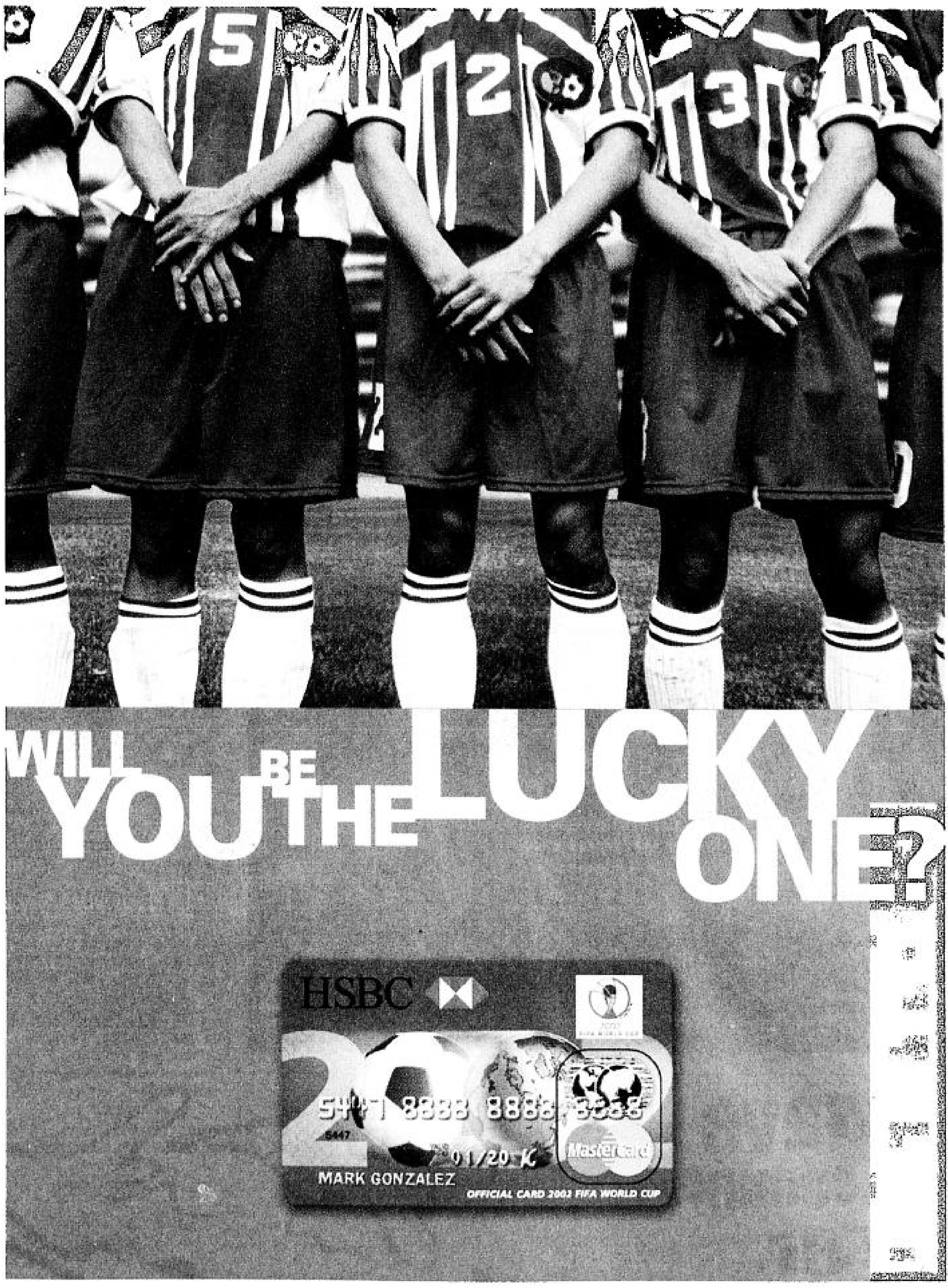
But while the focus is to expand Shopwise, and maintain the current number of Rustan's department stores, Tantoco says the plan for the high-end sector is to open boutiques for some of their home-grown brands and even new ones they will be bringing in.

Asked what else he wants to achieve in life, he says, "nothing really. Just opportunity. When the opportunity comes, I do not think I can no longer go into it because I am already 81 years old. I do not hesitate to open a new business.

And he says he refuses to retire. "I feel if I stop working I will die."

"Besides what will I do? I cannot play golf everyday. I play golf now. I even travel to play golf. At least now I am making money and playing golf. What will you do?"

Tantoco has six children, 21 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.



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'Success studies' is latest craze for Chinese

BEIJING—When Ericsson executive Xu Hui wanted to brush up her performance at work, she skipped Mao Zedong and his little red book and headed straight for the expert—Dale Carnegie.

Mao's little red books have been consigned to antique markets. These days, Chinese hunting for secrets to success are snapping up the works of Dale Carnegie and other arch-capitalist American business gurus.

Communist revolutionaries like Mao Zedong, Zhou Enlai and Deng Xiaoping still get bookstore shelf-space, but the choicest spots are filled with memoirs and biographies of American chief executives and Hong Kong tycoons.

Even tiny subway kiosks carry translations of internationally popular recipes for success as Robert Kiyosaki's financial primer, "Rich Dad, Poor Dad," and Spencer Johnson's "Who Moved My Cheese?"

Chinese authors are turning out their own versions.

One of the biggest sellers, at more than one million copies, has been "Harvard Girl," teenager Liu Yiting's parents' account of how their daughter, a kid from the northern coal-mining city of Taiyuan, got into Harvard.

"In the bookstores, it's 'Harvard this,' 'Harvard that,' 'Carnegie this,' 'Carnegie that'!" said Li Xiguang, a professor at Beijing's Tsinghua University.

"People are so hungry to be successful, They seem to think they can get an education in one book."

One of the more obvious, tongue-in-cheek knockoffs is "Can I Move Your Cheese?" by journalist Chen Tong, its cheddar-colored cover labeled "the subversive edition." Similar to Johnson's original, it advises a proactive approach to overcoming challenges and fears.

The popularity of "success studies" hasn't brought a windfall for foreign authors in China's 43 billion yuan-a-year ($5.2 billion-a-year) book market. Pirated editions account for a large share of the books available.

David Chao, who represents Dale Carnegie Training in Beijing, estimates that only 5 percent of the dozens of Dale Carnegie titles sold in China are authorized versions. Fakes have a different Chinese version of the sounds "Ka-nei-ji."

Chao set up Carnegie's official training office in Beijing last September, figuring the chance to profit outweighed the peril of helping pirate rivals.

"The market is tremendous," Chao said. "There is a burning desire among Chinese to be successful."

Most of his 150 Chinese graduates are young, upwardly mobile executives or professionals at high tech or foreign companies.

"I got results. I understood myself better," said Xu Hui, the executive at Swedish mobile phone maker Ericsson, who attended a two-day "high-impact" session on improving presentations. "You could say it was a personal breakthrough."

Dale Carnegie, a salesman and aspiring actor, began his first classes in human relations and public speaking in New York in 1912. He wrote several enduring bestsellers, including "How to Win Friends and Influence People" and "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living."

Carnegie's books were first translated into Chinese in the 1930s. They survived war, revolution and political upheaval to stage a comeback in the 1980s.

China's tradition of moral role models stretches back past Mao to Confucius.

"The modern hype around the CEO is very much in that tradition," said Geremie Barme, a scholar of Chinese pop culture who teaches at Australian National University. "The aim is all the same—personal success."

Though most books stress the positive, titles on getting ahead through treachery also have attracted an avid Chinese following for nearly a century, he said.

"There's this delight in the strategic, evil manipulation of life. It's not always positive and preachy," said Barme.

During the Mao era, which ended with his death in 1976, the term "capitalist roader" was one of China's vilest epithets.

Then, the "Little Red Book," a compilation of his quotations with tens of millions of copies in print, was treated as sacred. After two decades of market-style reforms and the weakening of government social controls, it's now little more than a novelty sold in antique markets.

Today, Chinese bookstores are stocked with memoirs by legendary capitalists such as Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, retired GE chief executive Jack Welch and Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-shing.

Their publishers are state-owned, suggesting that the communist government at least tacitly endorses the Chinese public's hunger for practical guidelines for living.

"Today is completely different from before," said Feng Xiaolin, 37, who moved to Beijing from her hometown of Hangzhou, in eastern China, planning to become a Dale Carnegie trainer.

"There's no 'iron rice bowl' like there was before. We have to find our own way in life." *AP*

Earn millions . . .

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taken out for transplanting.

The soil in the plots was sterilized to make sure that it was free of soil-borne diseases and insects.

Sace said each plot was covered with plastic mulch so that the growth of grasses and weeds were effectively controlled, allowing no competition for space and nutrients with the plants.

The plastic mulch, which reflects sunlight, also helped prevent wayward insects from harming the leaves of the plants.

Like human beings, insects also dislike glare, Sace explained.

He said each of the muskmelon plants was provided water and fertilizer through "automatic fertigation" units.

He said fertigation was the computed application of fertilizer solution and irrigation.

The rows of plants are provided with the drip system so that each time the main control is opened, each of the plants gets equal amounts of water and fertilizer.

Sace noted that there were no incidents of insect attacks and no plant diseases were reported from the time the plants were transplanted on Nov. 23. He said each of the plants was pruned so that only one strong vine would grow.

A colony of honeybees was introduced to improve pollination.

During the fruiting stage, Sace said, only one fruit was allowed to continue developing. The rest of the budding fruits were discarded.

Fourteen packs of seeds of the Sweet World cultivar were used for the whole area. Each pack costs P880.

Sace said muskmelon was selected for the greenhouse farming technology here because it is not commonly produced in the country.

He said the country is importing muskmelon and it is sold at P120-P150 per kilogram in leading Metro Manila supermarkets.

He said another cropping of muskmelon is now in progress and harvesting is scheduled sometime next month. It will be followed, he said, by the off-season planting of a variety of tomatoes.

Sace said he expected to harvest at least eight tons of tomatoes that can be sold at P50 a kilo.

"It's not far-fetched to realize a gross income of P1.3 million in one year from this venture," Sace said. "Not a bad enterprise."

Demo project

According to CLSU president, Dr. Rodolfo Undan, the greenhouse farming technology demonstration project here was put up through the initiative of Shalom Club Philippines (SCP), a non-stock, non-profit development organization of Filipino scholars of the State of Israel, in cooperation with Mashav (Center for International Cooperation of Israel).

The Israel Embassy provided a grant of $25,000 through the Mashav for the construction of the greenhouse.

Another greenhouse has been set up near the CLSU-SCP-Israel demo farm, the funding of which was from the Department of Agriculture released through the initiative of Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.

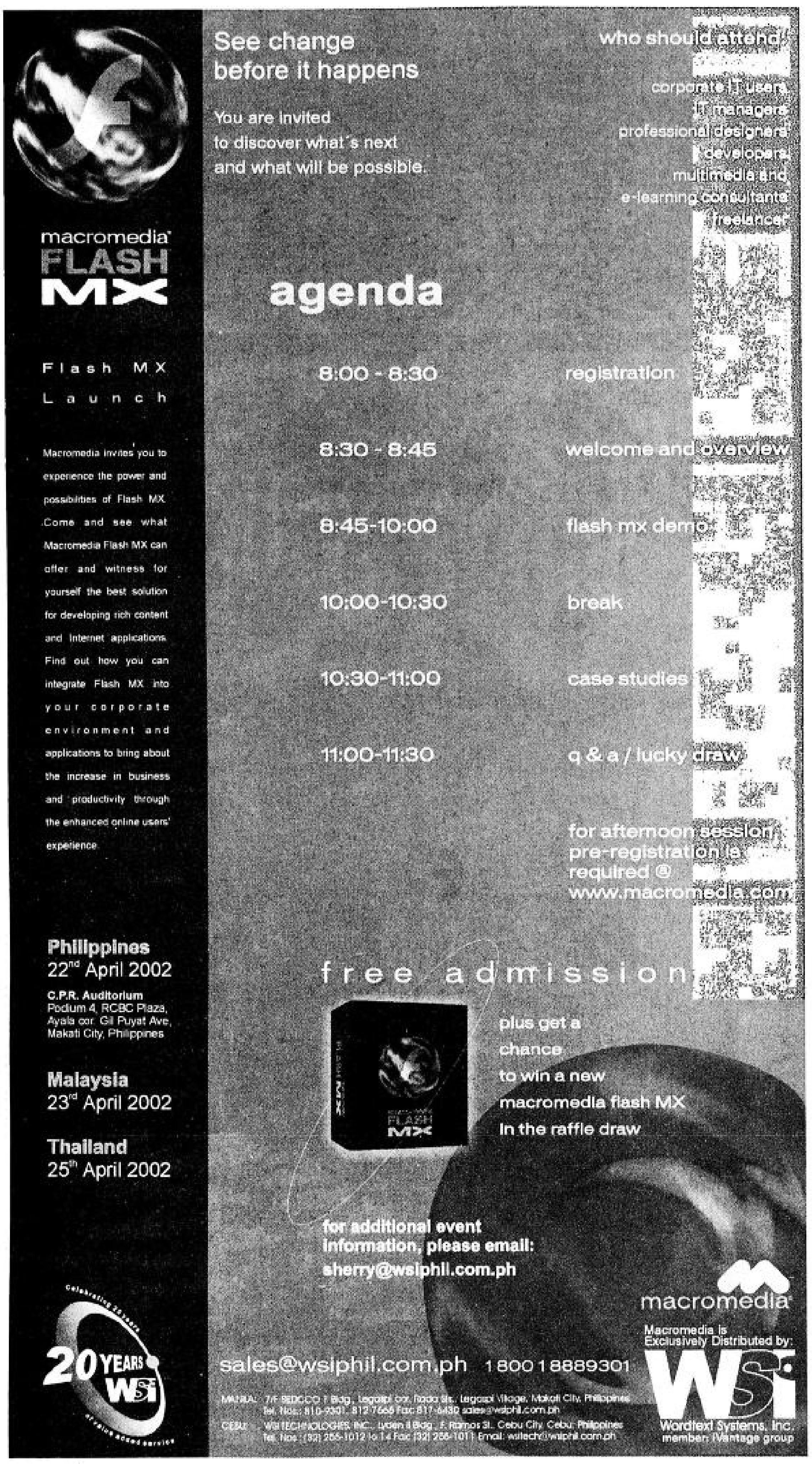
Two more greenhouses, promised by Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza, are forthcoming to be used as demonstration greenhouse farms of the department for its training programs for agrarian reform beneficiaries.

"This demonstration project will help revolutionize agricultural development in the country," Undan, a former agriculture assistant secretary and administrator of the National Irrigation Administration, said.

Israeli Ambassador Irit Ben-Abba said during the inauguration of the demo project here that her government is helping interested parties in putting up units that will showcase high technology production of crops outside of rice and corn.

"We need partners in our desire to share the knowledge and know-how accumulated though the years in Israel (in high technology production) for the benefit of the Filipino farmers," she said.

Officials here said the greenhouse technology is worth adopting considering that much income can be derived from a small area and that it can be used for various types of crops for off-season planting.



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Choosing to work on his own instead of with dad

IF one were was born with a silver spoon, success would be less elusive compared to those who would have to struggle to reach the top.

But to Jonathan "Jacque" M. Ruby, this was not the way he wanted to make a go of his life. Not even a college degree in Economics (with honors) from the Ateneo de Manila University was enough for him to consider himself a "sure fire" candidate for success.

While he had the even bigger advantage of just relying on what his successful parents could give him right after graduation—an officer position at their thriving construction company, yet Jacque chose to take a different path, i.e., a more arduous path, if one might call it.

"I was almost sure that by taking that chance to be employed at my father's outfit would bring me more harm than good. Jealousy was sure to raise its ugly head if I was allowed to join and rise from the ranks too quickly when we had people employed with more experience in that kind of business than I," he said.

He immediately decided to get employed elsewhere to the consternation of his family. But he was determined to "incubate that entrepreneur spirit within him" by learning from the skills of others.

Only when he felt that he had developed the necessary people and leadership skills did he think it was time to go on his own. Thus, World Link Couriers (WLC) was born.

"I had a blueprint, a long festering dream on my mind, which reads like this: 'If SM is the supermarket of goods, then WLC aims to become the supermarket of services,' he says.

World Link Couriers (WLC) was established in 1998 as a one-stop business shop with its head office in Roosevelt Avenue, Quezon City. It is a global delivery agency providing 24-hour pick-up and drop-off courier services to more than 300 countries and territories across five continents.

The company, according to Ruby has the capacity to efficiently do this because of its tie-ups/co-leadership agreements with over a dozen major courier companies worldwide.

It also maintains an extensive local network serving all major Philippine cities and islands from Babuyan Islands to Tawi-Tawi.

The WLC Center offers these additional services: payment center, remittance, ticketing, call mall, fax, photocopying, desktop publishing, Internet and a host of others.

With just an initial capital of P 150,000, a motorcycle and a 5-square meter outlet, Ruby decided to go into business by himself.

"It was pretty frustrating in the beginning. There were just three of us in the office—my clerk, my courier, and my salesman. On bad days, I would play the role of either one just to get things done, efficiently that is," he says.

But what made him venture into this kind of business?

"The information age and express distribution are sweeping every sector of society. E-commerce has radically changed the manner in which business is conducted. The delivery service is becoming more client- and service-intensive and product oriented," he says.

He cites an incident in 1999 when he had to fly to Bangkok himself to deliver a package and was back in Manila in less than 24 hours time. While the effort cost the company P 25,000 for that transaction alone, he says it was a rewarding and fulfilling one.

"The recipient of the package was working for Rockefeller Investments in New York and he was extremely happy to be given that special treatment. And that is what I mean by efficiency. We may have been a small, local courier company, but we were willing to make that leap to prove that a small Filipino-owned business maintained global standards," he says.

Today WLC has grown to a net worth of over P 30 million in three years. From two employees, it now employs over a hundred people and maintains 20 franchises and 30 branches nationwide from Tuguegarao to Davao City.

It is currently working to establish its presence in Hong Kong, Singapore and the United States before 2004.

"I think success is no accident at all. It was the logical result of the excess of the things we do right over the things we do wrong," he says.

With big competitors like DHL, LBC, Ruby was determined to try the medium-sized ones at first.

"I thought that because of their bigness, they had forgotten the small submarkets I, being just a small company, could offer a degree of personal service which they probably didn't have the time for. But, I also did not want to see them as a competitor but as a provider. They provided the niches and opportunities, and we took advantage of them. In short, big business is an integral part of the capitalistic system. And I believe that," he explains.

RUBY: Success no accident.

Mineral water titans face cola challenge

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France—Luckily, the chilly waters of Lake Geneva keep them well apart.

The village of Evian-les-Bains, at the foothills of the Alps on the lake's French shore, is home to Evian mineral water, transformed by the French food group Danone into the world's biggest global mineral water brand.

Under its pink-and-white sign, its plant stares across the water at the Swiss town of Vevey, headquarters of food giant Nestlé which produces the green-bottled Perrier label.

Bitter rivals, the two mineral water titans have been battling for control of the world's high-margin bottled water market, the food and beverage sector's new Eldorado worth upwards of 40 billion euros ($35.24 billion) in annual sales.

Last year Danone, whose brands also include Volvic, Badoit, Dannon Water, Bonafont and Wahaha in China, became the global leader by volume of bottled water sold.

However Nestlé—whose stable includes the Perrier, Vittel, San Pellegrino, Poland Spring, Aquarel and Pure Life labels—outpaced it in turnover terms with sales of 4.7 billion euros, against 3.8 billion at Danone.

But it is in the United States, where Nestlé is the No. 1 player and Danone No. 2, that an unprecedented challenge has ambushed them both.

Cola giants Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, having all but saturated the market for carbonated drinks, are muscling in on the consumer health bandwagon with waters of their own.

Last year Pepsi overtook Danone in volumes of water sold in less than 2 litre bottles in the United States.

Spearheaded by its Aquafina water, now the top-selling brand at US supermarket checkouts since its launch just over three years ago, it garnered 16-percent market share, still half of Nestlé's 30 percent, but ahead of Danone's 12.

Water pressure

Meanwhile Coke was snapping at the heels of both of them, its Dasani water cornering a respectable 10 percent.

"Now Coke and Pepsi have entered the industry, competition is going to intensify," said analyst Martin Dolan at investment bank CSFB. "It is a crucial region because you have low per capita consumption in a market where consumer preferences are changing."

He estimates the US market will grow at a rate of 15-20 percent over the next five years. "And it will continue in double digits for five years after that," he said.

"Still water is the fastest growing major segment in the consumer category, growing three to four times faster on average than anything else in the food and beverage industry," added Warren Ackerman at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein.

No matter that Coke and Pepsi are marketing distilled tap water against the Europeans' spring and mineral waters. What counts is access to retailers from hypermarkets to Mom and Pop stores.

While Nestlé has its own US distribution network for its customer-loyal regional brands, the complication for Danone is that 50 percent of Evian's US distribution is handled by Coke.

Analysts say Evian is losing fridge space to Coke's Dasani.

Last week talk surfaced that Danone, whose US volumes fell 5 percent last year according to some estimates, was discussing Evian's distribution arrangements with Coke and the British softdrink firm Cadbury.

Danone's sporty chair, former windsurfing champion Franck Riboud, has already said the group is working on the issue, and minimizes North America's importance to his group.

"The Danone business equation is not a US equation, it's Asia, Latin America, Europe," he told reporters at a recent briefing in Evian.

No inferiority complex

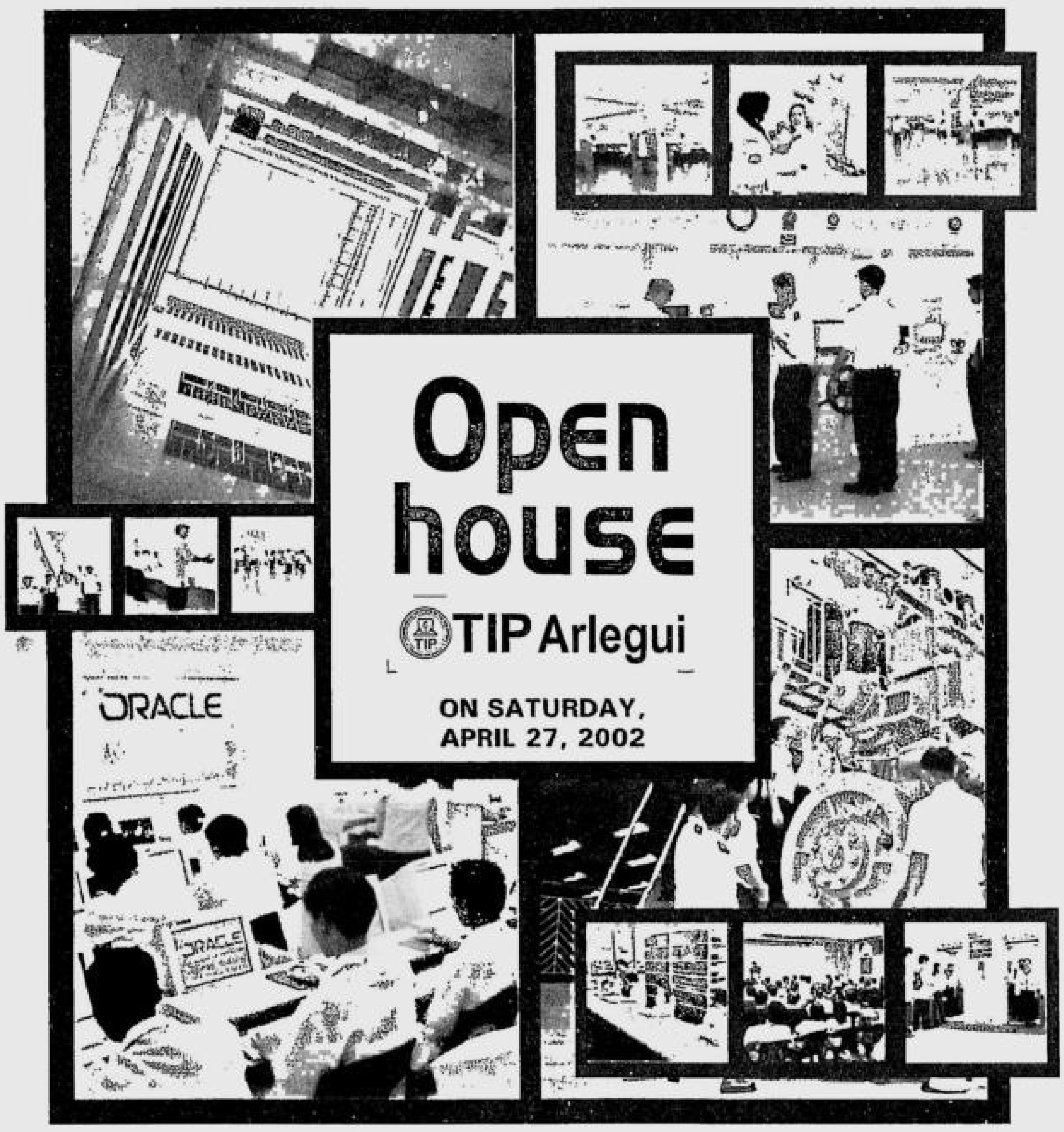
"Water in the United States represents just 2 percent of our global sales volumes, not 20-30 percent like our friends across the water," he added. "We have no reason to have an inferiority complex . . . Our strategy lies elsewhere."

That may be so, but analysts say the US market accounted for 20 percent of Danone's growth in the sector between 1998 and 2000, and fear erosion of its stellar growth story.

Riboud, however, is biding his time to see how the US market evolves. Targeting emerging markets instead, he refuses to jeopardize Danone's overall performance ratios in a region he says can only bring lower prices and skinnier margins.

Opting out of a US fight, however, does not mean Danone will not be assailed on its emerging market flank.

Though Danone's emerging market presence is four times that of Nestlé, the Swiss giant is also positioning itself in developing countries. *Reuters*



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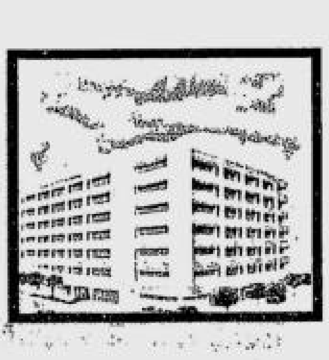

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'Preserve your homes from fires'—NHA

THE NATIONAL Housing Authority yesterday called on the citizenry to be vigilant in protecting their homes from fire, particularly during the summer months.

NHA general manager Edgardo Pamintuan said that it has always been the concern of the government, particularly the housing sector, to preserve the existing housing stock so as not to further increase the housing backlog, which now stands at 4.6 million.

"We ought to preserve our houses, buildings and property. Considering the imbalance in demand and supply of housing, we cannot afford to lose the housing stock to destructive fire," Pamintuan said.

Records of the Bureau of Fire Protection show that some P3.3 billion in property was lost last year as a result of 3,454 fire incidents mostly caused by faulty electrical wiring. Most of the structures destroyed were factories and residential structures.

Moreover, in the last five years, property worth P24.84 billion went up in smoke nationwide. The National Capital Region registered the biggest property losses with a total of P10 billion, or 57 percent of the total losses during the period because of fire incidents.

Pamintuan said the figures showed that fire accidents are one of the major causes of homelessness in the Philippines. "We hope to be able to provide at least 4 million housing units by 2004. Catching up with the yearly increase of the number of families needing housing is already difficult. Let us not make it more of an impossibility by being careless with our property and indifferent to fire prevention," he added.

HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

Kafecionado Coffee Bar celebrated its first anniversary last March 30 and launched a two-man show titled 'Happy Days and the Four Hundred Channels' featuring 27 new paintings by artists Julien Tan and Gary Amante, young talents from the advertising industry. The exhibit is a sequel to Tan's exhibit titled 'Home' held March last year, which coincided with Kafecionado's grand opening, inaugurated by celebrity Lyn Ching and graced by personalities from the restaurant, advertising and media circles. The café's owners and hands-on managers, Ador and Eva Perez, both advertising professionals themselves, 'open their walls' to all aspiring Filipino artists who would like to showcase their talents in almost any form of visual art. To Kafecionado's loyal patrons, the café is a second home—a cozy nook of Mediterranean charm where creativity dwells—from its delightful Fil-Italian menu, music, ambiance, unique art, to the company of fun-loving coffee and art aficionados it keeps everyday. Kafecionado is located at Cityland 3 Condominium, Herrera Street cor Esteban, Legaspi Village, Makati, and is open on weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Left picture shows Kafecionado's inauguration last year, with (from left) Serafin Bautista of GMA 7, Chiara Bautista, Eva Perez, Lyn Ching, and Ador Perez. Right picture shows Ador Perez with special friends Eric Dumagas (left), Francis Lumen (second from right) and Jun Ambas (right).

PHILIPPINE Jaycee SENATE and INSULAR LIFE
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2002 TOFIL LAUNCHED

The Philippine Jaycee Senate and Insular Life recently launched the 2002 Search for the Outstanding Filipino at the Manila Polo Club. The 2001 Tofil awardee for science, technology and engineering and former DOST Secretary Dr. Ceferino L. Follosco was guest speaker. Shown, from left, are 2002 Tofil chair JCI senator Iluminado B. Montemayor, PJS immediate past president JCI senator John A. Bautista, Insular Life chair of the board and president Vicente R. Ayllon, Follosco, PJS president JCI senator Leoncio P. Villa-Abrille, and PJS adviser JCI senator Jose Halili-Co. The Tofil Award annually recognizes Filipino men and women 41 years and older who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the lives of others in the practice of their profession. Nominations are now accepted at all PJS chapter offices and Insular Life offices nationwide. Call the PJS secretariat at 374-4390 and 373-5819, or Insular Life at 771-1818 ext. 1121-1124. Deadline for submission of nominations is Aug. 31.

Mould Pack Trading expands portfolio, continues packaging business

KAPAUAN

MOULD PACK Trading Phils. expands its portfolio into the food ingredients sector with its yeast nutrients called Servomyces from Lallemand, which is geared towards servicing the requirements of the wine and liquor industry. Another growing product in demand is its cheese substitutes from premium ingredients of Spain.

The company's technical division continues its personalized service of providing packaging equipment and materials to the leading pharmaceutical companies in the country, as well as to the largest cosmetic manufacturers in the Philippines. The company makes sure that it exclusively represents only first-class suppliers of machines from the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Mould Pack Trading Phils. president Renato G. Kapauan, an economist who has had more than 26 years of experience in Scandinavia's largest trading company, sees reemerging activity in the manufacturing sector, as well as foreign investments which has been brought about by the consistent economic reforms the government has implemented. This, coupled with the growing stability of the general business climate in the country, is the reason for the company's optimism in the years to come.

POWEROLAP POWERS BUDGET SYSTEM

IM2 Corp., a leading provider of budgeting, forecasting, reporting and analytical solutions recently turned over the budget and consolidation system of Roasters Philippines Inc., franchise holder of internationally recognized Kenny Rogers chain of casual dining restaurants. Roasters Philippine's capitalized on the power and flexibility of PowerOlap to deliver a comprehensive and detailed budgeting and consolidation system for the entire organization. Present during the turnover ceremony (seated, from left) were Vic Barriero, general manager of RPI, Bernardine Siy, president and CEO, RPI, Michael del Carmen, president of IM2, and Femme Tumanan, Olap solutions director, IM2. Standing from left are TJ del Rosario, budget officer, RPI, Arni Bernabe, MIS manager, RPI, Evangeline Viniuan, Olap analyst, IM2, Julian Lola, systems development director, IM2, Ricky Florendo, consultant, RPI, Joel Songco, controller, RPI, and Rio Jara, senior systems analyst, RPI.

IPF brings IP awareness to students

THE INTELLECTUAL Property Foundation of the Philippines recently launched a writing competition for law students, which aims to bring intellectual property (IP) consciousness among students and academics.

The contest's theme will center on protection of intellectual property rights (IPR). Among the topics that will be included are software piracy, IT laws and e-commerce. The participating law schools will receive guidance packs that contain authoritative text and papers to provide a focal point to each chosen topic. Deadline for submission of entries is on April 30.

The top 20 entries will be published and will be made available to academic institutions and law organizations. Prizes at stake are P20,000 for the grand prize winner, P10,000 for the second prize and P5,000 for the third prize winner.

The writing competition is one of IPF's ways of promoting IP awareness in the Philippines. It is sponsored by Pathways for Legal Excellence, a program by Microsoft's law and corporate affairs department that aims to promote stronger rule of law for IP protection.

According to lawyer Ignacio Sapalo, president of IPF, the competition is aimed at getting law students involved in both IPR and information and communication technology development in the country.

K OF C OBSERVES DAY OF THE UNBORN

March 25th marked the 'Day of the Unborn Child'. This was celebrated internationally by the Knights of Columbus. In Barangay San Isidro, Makati, the Knights of Columbus Council 5464 joined the celebration by offering a Holy Mass and Flowers at the Holy Family Parish Church. Shown at the front row are SK Lauro C. Dimailig, deputy grand knight SK Dr. Edgardo V. Diaz, grand knight SK Serafin O. Francia. Standing, from left, are Bro. Jacinto Gregorio, Bro. lawyer Dario Fojas, SK Vicente Corpuz, SK Jose L. Besa, SK Manuel L. Adao, Bro. Trinidad Nuderama, SK Efren C. Cabrera, sir David M. Romarate, Jr., SK Lamberto S. Cordova and sir Ernesto B. Penaranda.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

The Sircro (Society of Realtors), a guild of top real estate practitioners, has admitted Victoria Madrigal-Vasquez, chair of Globo Realty Inc., into membership recently. Shown from left are Albee Xerez-Burgos of Landco Pacific, Katrina Yatco of Ayala Land, treasurer Richard SyCip of Thocaris One, secretary Bambi Narciso of Morena Realty, Harry Rodriguez of Jardine Land, and president Chito Zaldarriaga of Carmelray Industrial. Sircro meetings are held monthly at the 25 floor of the Ayala Tower One and Exchange Plaza.

No noon break at NTC cash unit

RESPONDING to the directive of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to reduce red tape and corruption in the bureaucracy, the National Telecommunications Commission under Commissioner Eliseo M. Rio, Jr. and Deputy Commissioners lawyer Kathleen G. Heceta and lawyer Armi Jane Borje directed the commission's cash unit to render continuous services to its numerous clientele, without noon breaks. This would allow clients, especially those coming from the provinces, to transact business at the NTC without wasting time waiting for NTC employees to come back from their lunch breaks.

"It is another way of bringing better service to our clients—making ourselves available to them all throughout our regular working hours," Rio explained.

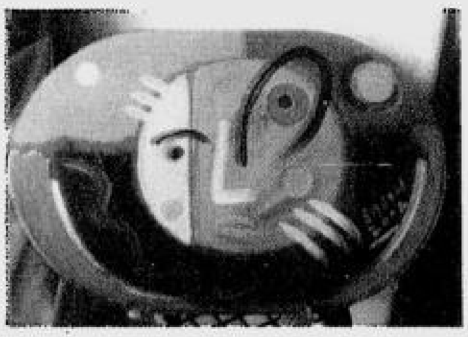
The NTC is one of the government's busiest agencies, transacting business with individual clients and corporations who have sought authorization from the Commission for their respective businesses and employment.

Director Teodoro Buenavista, Jr. of the administrative and finance department and director Edgardo Cabarriors of the common carriers authorization division is spearheading the monitoring of the "no noon break" policy of NTC, ensuring its full and efficient implementation.

The "no noon break" policy is in line with the "Oks na Oks" program of the Department of Transportation and Communications headed by Secretary Pantaleon D. Alvarez.

Product FILES

Phillip Badon's 21st exhibit



EXPRESSIONIST painter Phillip B. Badon is holding his 21st one-man show until April 30 at the Surreala Café at Mother Ignacia Avenue corner Timog Avenue, Quezon City. Titled "Guts and Glory," Badon features his latest works experimenting various art media in his powerful expressionistic brushstrokes and fauvistic colors. Joining him in the exhibit as guest artists are Thelma Llorico, Emmanuel dela Cruz and Efren Equiron. The exhibit is open to the public, and is sponsored by Surreala Café, Asia Cargo, Container Line and Armand Ng.

BITS & Clips

Summer arts fest at CJH

THE Camp John Hay Development Corp. offers a series of art workshops for children and adults from April 20 to 27 at Camp John Hay in Baguio City. Open to children ages 7 to 13 are "Tanghal-Tula (April 20 to 23) and "Batang Sining" (April 24 to 27). Workshops will be facilitated by the Cultural Center of the Philippines and will culminate in a showcase performance and exhibit. For adults, interesting craft workshops will also be offered. The public is also invited to take part in various activities conducted by CJH DevCo on April 22 in observance of Earth Day. For more information, call the Camp John Hay marketing and public relations office at (074)442-7902 to 08.

Gifts and Premiums Expo

DUSIT Hotel Nikko will host Gifts and Premiums, Business Gifts, Promotional Ideas, Stationery, Toys and Premiums Expo to be held from June 5 to 7 at the Grand Ballroom. Organized by the Next Step Events Planner, Gifts and Premiums will showcase top of the line products ranging from desk top accessories, novelty items, woodcraft, stationery, toys, gifts baskets, glass etchings, fixture and furniture, houseware, calculators, memo pads, umbrellas, art pieces, marble crafts, fashion jewelry, writing instruments, timepieces, wines and spirits, premiums, books and publications. As an added feature the expo will have daily seminars, product presentations and raffle prizes for lucky visitors. For more information, call the event organizer at 893-9729/813-4801/753-5113 to 14/0919-6880917/0917-5400259.

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Real estate review set

THE REAL Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines Caloocan City Chapter holds its 19th Comprehensive Real Estate Seminar and Review on April 27, May 4, 11, and 18, Saturdays, 1 to 6 p.m. at the Rotary Center corner Mother Ignacia, Roces Avenue, Quezon City. Resource speakers from different government entities as well as licensed real estate brokers from Rebap have been invited to this five-day seminar and review aimed at preparing participants for the broker's licensure exams to be given by the Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumers Protection of the Department of Trade and Industry on May 26 in Quezon City. The first session was held on April 20. Interested parties can visit the Rebap Caloocan City office at 956-E, Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City or call 438-2966 or 439-2270 and ask for Jenny or Jane from Monday to Friday, or 373-2280/81 and look for Vicky and Michelle.

TRAVEL

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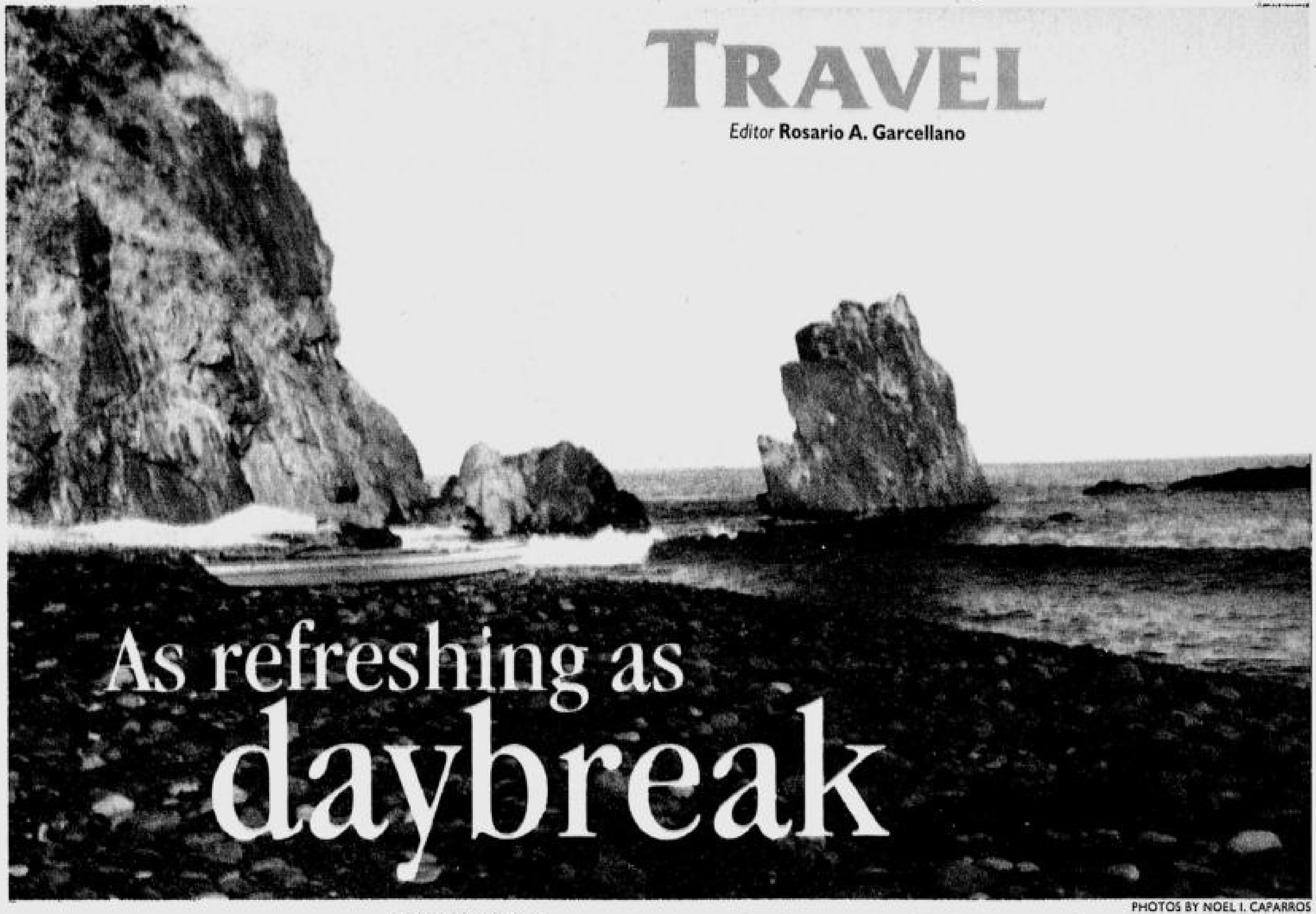

As refreshing as daybreak

A PEBBLED beach at Barangay Amper Dipaculao in Baler

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By Rafael R. Castillo

IMAGINE you're having dinner at the veranda of a quaint inn along the beach.

A full moon peeks from behind the mountain, gradually rises and casts first a faint glimmer and then a silvery glow on the sea. The moon continues to rise and by the time you're sipping your coffee, it's directly overhead.

Astonishing? Wait for daybreak and you get a different but equally fascinating visual delight—the sun's rays piercing the sky and throwing a spectrum of hues and colors on the calm waters.

You'd imagine this is a scene somewhere in the Caribbean—or perhaps Lucerne in Switzerland. Well, no. It's actually a beach scene in our very own Aurora province.

"Aurora" means the break of day, or sunrise. And a feeling as exhilarating as daybreak is exactly what one gets as one endures the seven-hour drive to the capital town of Baler. The Sierra Madre mountain range almost abruptly changes in color from brown to green as one reaches the boundary of Aurora.

> How lovely is Aurora as sunlight streams down lush green gorges and the blue sky stretches overhead

When Aurora Rep. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo kindly invited us to spend the Holy Week in Baler and Casiguran, she told us: "You're going to have the toughest but most enjoyable ride of your life."

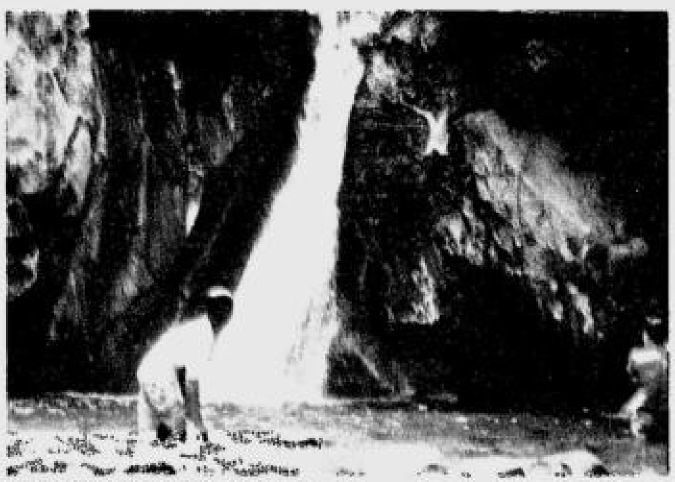
We discovered exactly what she meant. It was a tough ride, all right, but quite a treat to our adventurous and nature-loving spirit as we drove through rough mountain roads as convoluted as chicken intestines and occasionally tapering to as narrow as a lane and a half.

It was mid-morning when we hit the Sierra Madre. Sunlight streamed down miles of deep gorges covered by lush greenery. The blue sky completed the painting-like scenery. (According to the congresswoman, Aurora has 60-70 percent of its original forest cover, making it the greenest province in the country.)

Aurora is bounded on the north by Isabela, on the south by the northern port of Quezon, on the east by the Pacific Ocean, and on the west by Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Nueva Ecija. From Manila, it can be reached via two routes—the Canili-Pantabangan or Baler-Bongabon roads. If you take the first, you drive through the town of Maria Aurora. (Fair warning: some portions of the road are very steep.) We chose to take the latter route, which travelers to Aurora commonly use, and which leads to the town of San Luis and ends in Baler.

Public transportation is recommended when traveling to Baler. You may take a Genesis bus from Pasay City for a direct trip or a bus to Cabanatuan City and a connecting bus or jeep to Baler. But we wanted to experience the thrill of motoring through Aurora's famed mountain range, so we decided to take turns at the wheel.

A DRAMATIC view of sunrise



THE BULAWAN Falls in Dinalungan

Early start

We left Manila before dawn of Holy Wednesday, but even that early, traffic was snarled approaching the Balintawak entrance to the North Expressway. From Bulacan, we exited at Sta. Rita and took the road to Cabanatuan. On the suggestion of Paolo Suaverdez, our travel guide *cum* trouble-shooter who is a member of Representative Angara-Castillo's staff, we made a pit stop and had a snack before the heading up the mountains.

From Cabanatuan, we followed the signs leading to Palayan and Bongabon until we came to a fork where a sign "To Baler" directed us to the right. After an hour of driving on paved roads, we reached the foot of the Baler-Bongabon highway that eventually runs right into the Aurora National Memorial Park. This was where the bumpy ride began. First-timers are warned of wildly zigzagging roads, fast trucks and landslides, especially during the rainy season. But then, these make for half the fun and excitement.

After about 150 kilometers, we saw the Aurora welcome arch. Right away one could see and feel the difference in the lush forests of the Sierra Madre and the much cooler breeze.

We drove on past San Luis, and after about 30 minutes we reached the town where President Manuel Quezon was born. (The road is still generally rough but through the joint efforts of the congresswoman and her brother, Sen. Edgardo Angara, with the support of the national government, the paving of the Baler-Bongabon Road will hopefully be completed in the next few years. This should cut travel time by almost two hours, making it a more comfortable trip for those traveling by private vehicle. By then, sports utility vehicles and pick-ups will cease to be the only way to go to Baler.)

The distance from Manila to Baler is 230 km. Travel time, including pit stops and snacks, is seven hours on the average. From Baler to Casiguran, count another 125 km—on rougher and steeper roads. The usual travel time is four hours, but with *Mang* Paquing, whom we requested to drive for us on this stretch, we would have managed it in less than three hours except for a flat tire that took an hour to vulcanize because of a power outage.

Dilasag is only about 25 km from Casiguran, with equally rough roads.

How exhilarating it was to cross shallow streams numbering about a dozen between Baler and Dilasag. It was similar to driving through flooded streets in Manila during the rainy season, but what made it more challenging was deciding which part of the clear stream to cross.

Dilasag's yet unspoiled white-sand beaches beckon you to stay for at least another day. Lush mangroves, other tropical trees and exotic-looking shrubs and bonsai grow abundantly along the coastline, providing not only cool shade but also refreshing scenery. One can hang up a hammock and spend an afternoon appreciating God's handiwork.

I'm sure that once tourists discover the place, it will be as crowded as Boracay. At least we can console ourselves that we were there before development changed the beautiful land- and seascape.

Baler

It may be a bit much for the body and the vehicle to drive straight from Manila to Casiguran. Our recommendation is to stop over in Baler and enjoy the scenic and historic landmarks.

One can stay at the Bay's Inn or the Angara Hotel along Sabang Beach, a surfer's paradise because of its tall (10 feet!) but gentle waves. An overnight stay costs P400-600.

A must-see while you're in Baler is the "Millennium Tree," the biggest balete tree in the whole of Asia. You can find it in Barangay Quirino.

Carbon dating puts the age of the tree at 600 years. It is 213 feet in diameter and about 60 feet in height. We gathered all the visitors and it took 52 of us adults to surround the tree.

Its roots alone are massive and form a splendid natural sculpture shaped into caves where one can crawl through. From the center of the tree, one can climb up and be fascinated by what seem to be chambers, beds and benches, as though sculpted by nature for the tree's unseen "residents."

According to local lore, balete trees house bad spirits. But this huge tree in Baler is apparently different and is believed by the locals to be associated with good luck. The native Ilongots are known to visit it to invoke the spirits' assistance for good hunting. During the war, guerrillas reportedly used it to hide in. Cockfighters, holding their prize cocks, still crawl through the tree before competing in high-stakes derbies.

One gets a picturesque perspective of sea, mountain and sky at the Ermita Hill, which also houses the miraculous Señora de Ermita. Locals believe that The Lady protected Baler from pirates and tidal waves in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Caverns underneath the hill are a favorite of treasure-hunters, who believe that gold bars and other treasures are hidden there.

A popular tourist destination in Dinalungan town, less than an hour's drive from Casiguran, is the majestic 40-foot Bulawan Falls, whose waters cascade down to several nature-made pools in which both locals and foreigners enjoy a cool swim on a hot summer day. (Representative Angara-Castillo recalled the first time they came to the place, when they had to walk for hours and descend the hill beside the waterfall using sturdy *baging*, or tree vines. She helped develop the place into a park that is now easily accessible from the national highway.)

Hospitality

The hospitality extended by the local folk was one good reason our drive to Aurora was most enjoyable.

The local officials—Vice Gov. Annabelle Tangson, former Vice Gov. Isaias Noveras Jr., board member Rodrigo Montero, Casiguran Mayor Jeremias Esteves, former Dinalingan Mayor Elaine Usman, Vice Mayor Zenaida Querijero, Baler Councilors Ric Bautista and Reynaldo Mapindan, Director Alex Ocampo of the Aurora Integrated Area Development Project, and Baler health officer Dr. Lolly Angara—were no slouch either.

John Mercado, Representative Angara-Castillo's all-around secretary, provided non-stop entertainment with his jokes, which kept us in stitches especially on the trip from Baler to Casiguran and back.

The province of Aurora is blessed with so much natural beauty, yet many of its attractions are yet undeveloped, even undiscovered.

Having "discovered" it, we await that time when, like a flower, it reaches full bloom.

Dr. Castillo writes the weekly column "Medical Files" in the Inquirer Health & Science section. For feedback, e-mail raffymd@i-manila.com.ph.

PASTORAL scene in Casiguran

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INSCRIBE Tours is also planning a visit to the bucolic town of Lucban in Quezon on May 15, when it comes alive with its Pahiyas.

The guided tour of Lucban starts with an early-morning parade through its streets, festooned with rainbow-colored sheets of *kiping*.

There will be plenty of time to admire the houses adorned with fruits, vegetables, *palay* and palm leaves, and to buy the town's famous products, including bags, handicrafts, delicacies and the distinctive *longganisang* Lucban.

In the afternoon, there will be stops at Paete's woodcarving shops, Lumban's embroidery shops and San Pablo's *buko* pie stores.

On April 29, another tour of old churches in Rizal and Laguna (Visita Iglesia) will be conducted because of popular demand.

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Flower Show

THE "FLORIADE," the world's largest flower show, is ongoing until Oct. 20 in the town of Haarlemmermeer in Holland.

Held once every 10 years, Floriade 2002 is billed as Holland's largest public event. More than three million people from overseas and an estimated 150,000 trade visitors from the world of horticulture are expected to attend the flower show this year.

The exhibition has been a crowd-drawer for 50 years. Organizers have built giant pavilions for top landscape artists, major flower farmers, European aficionados of flora and firms specializing in supplying the world-famous flower gardens that dot the countryside of Holland.

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Target: 3M Pinoy tourists

By Jerome Aning

THREE million Filipino tourists traveling within the Philippines is the vision of the newly appointed assistant secretary of tourism.

Salvador Sarabia Jr., a member and former president of the Iloilo Hotels and Restaurants Association, is assigned to look after tourism services and regional offices of the Department of Tourism.

In his first meeting with reporters as a DOT official last Wednesday, Sarabia said his main task would be to "construct specific structures in the DOT's marketing efforts" and put these in action.

He said the idea was to help the government mobilize Filipinos to travel all over the country.

"With 15 regions, we will be having three million Filipino tourists traveling within the Philippines in a given period of time," Sarabia said.

He said that with the government's "holiday economics," he would strive to make domestic travel affordable, safe and comfortable for all sectors.

SundayBIZ

Turning the ethnic weave into mainstream commerce

THE THICK weave is suitable to Europe's cold climate.

THE SWITCH from a genital garment to neck warmer

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Young Bontoc girls learn to weave their fathers' g-strings at 10 by using the back-breaking stems of the indigenous back-strap looms, says 40-year-old weaver Grael Cawed.

Their first lessons are usually about setting the proper dimensions of this exotic garment, which their fathers or siblings are obliged to wear during *cañaos* (ritual feasts). A proper g-string must be approximately 10-feet long and 10-ft wide.

THE WEAVING industry has 2,000 entrepreneurs.
PHOTOS BY EV ESPIRITU

A really good g-string consumes 400 grams of cotton thread, allowing the garment to be wrapped comfortably (and neatly) around the waist and the groin, with still enough length left to hang above the knees.

G-strings sell for P1,200 apiece and many families earn enough from weaving the traditional wear.

But Cawed, then in her early 20s, suddenly had an inspiration: Why not sell the g-string as a good scarf or a muffler to attract more buyers.

Cawed, who owns the fashion shop Topskills, says she knew all about the jokes that surfaced when she introduced her trend setting g-string-turned-muffler to the public.

"A museum curator castigated me for selling these scarves and mufflers (that bore the g-string emblems) because she felt that I was commercializing the elements of my childhood," Cawed recalls.

"But I never used authentic Igorot patterns for these mufflers, and I felt that there was a segment of this business that needed to be explored, that needed growth," she says.

But this switch from a genital garment to a neck warmer, back in 1993, hastened the evolution that was slowly but surely drawing the ethnic weaving industry into the mainstream fashion trade.

Only a handful of the weaving industry's 2,000-strong entrepreneurs then took advantage of this slow trend toward styling.

But now weavers produce bright green summer dresses for P1,800, dashing Barong Tagalogs with patched-in Igorot icons for P2,500 and *Ikat* party gowns for P4,000. Most of these are hand woven.

The Igorot fashion generates more than P12 million in gross sales annually. This is because each dress, woven completely by back-strapped looms, is worth three times the cost of a traditional loom woven garment.

Fiber Web

Since 1991, a weavers' advocacy group called Fiber Web has been attempting to solve problems like the use of current technology that has limited production to thick cotton fabric.

Developed to accelerate the Cordillera weaving industry during a period of populist ethnic art, Fiber Web introduced top Filipino designers like Patis Tesoro to loud Bontoc and Kalinga patterns and the original dyes of Abra, said founder Laida Lim-Perez.

For a decade, new weaving talents have been able to win contracts for government uniforms and institutional gowns for special affairs.

But few weavers managed to wean themselves away from these contracts, Cawed says.

"Perhaps, this is because they haven't realized yet that the real market appears to be Europe, because of a high demand from Filipino expatriates. The thick Cordillera threads suit the cold European states, and I think we should aim for those markets instead. That may partly solve our problem of marketing."

She says the fashion trade that developed from weaving could ride on the already very steep yet quality value attached to weaving a whole modern dress.

She said back-strap looms provide weavers the flexibility to develop geometric patterns. But the process is slow.

"We can only weave one whole garment and a half of a garment per day. We can't mass produce clothes, although we have managed to mass produce smaller items like place mats or wall hangings," she says.

Very few weavers also have the tolerance to draw up complicated patterns, which characterized the popular Cordillera brand in the late 1990s.

"But we are not giving up on Filipino markets. We are still aiming for thinner fabrics for younger clients especially because what we produce are literally one of a kind," she says.

Igorot inspired

In fact, Cawed says, teenage clients have started to consider the loud, flashy patterns of Igorot-inspired dresses as "cool," and small orders for miniskirts and short party dresses have turned up.

During a formal Fiber Web presentation of the latest Igorot Fashion Week items in February, Cawed and a Manila designer presented a glamorous "*piece de resistance*" composed of a short "*Ikat*" tank top that bares the abdomen, and a long flowing *Ikat* skirt complete with formal footwear wrapped in *Ikat*.

"The shoes are a new innovation from Manila, and we think there is a future market there," says Sonia Daoas, a Fiber Web member.

Cawed also displayed a cowboy suit that combines black denim and hand woven Bontoc patterns, topped with an authentic cowboy hat.

"This was my way of encouraging the Baguio market to respond, because the weaving industry can be attuned to the times and be practical. Benguet is known for its cowboy and its country music, so there must be a market there," she says.

But Cawed is still turning back to her authentic g-strings for fresh design tones.

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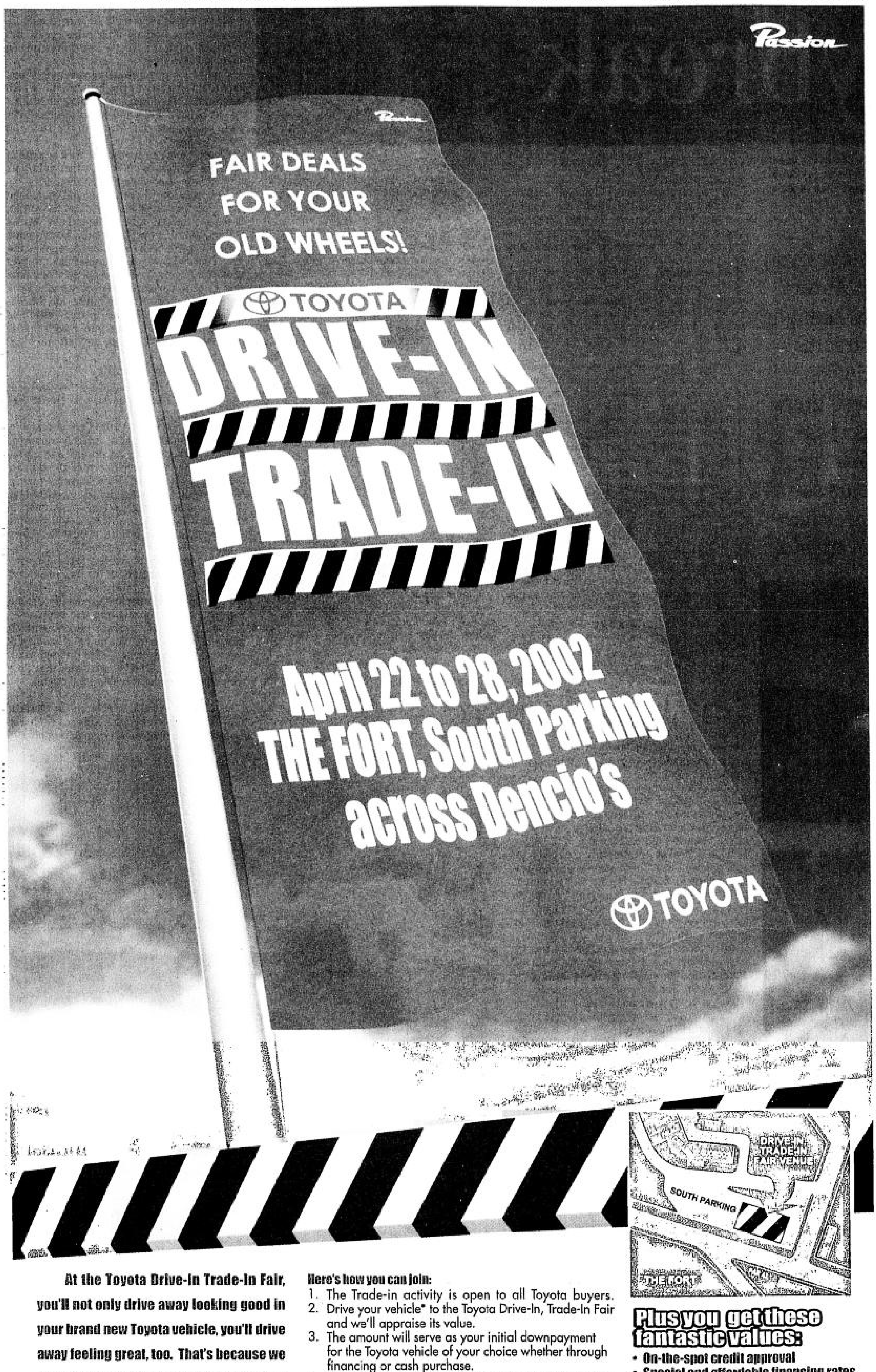
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  - ☐ Health Promotion Education
  - ☐ Medical Microbiology
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- ☐ Industrial Pharmacy
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- ☐ Pharmacology and Toxicology
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- ☐ Physiology
- Public Health
  - ☐ Biostatistics
  - ☐ Environmental Health
  - ☐ Medical Microbiology
  - ☐ Medical Parasitology
  - ☐ Nutrition

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- ☐ Biochemistry
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Tel. No. 842-3161 to 64, Fax No. 842-3160 [illegible]706

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2nd Flr MWSS Engineering Bldg Katipunan Rd Balara QC
Telefax Nos. 926-5233/926-5234

INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION AND BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contract for which this invitation for qualification and Bid is issued.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission as the Executing Agency and the [illegible] as the Implementing Agency are inviting CONTRACTORS to apply for Qualification and Bid for the following linear park packages.

Contract Package	Contract No.	Area	Location	Contract Duration	Project Description
a. Barangay Buayang Bato Linear Park (Package A)	EPA LPP-05	1,900.00 sq.m.	Barangay Buayang Bato, [illegible] City	90 Calendar days	Linear Park and Promenade
b. Barangay Vergara Linear Park (Package B)	EPA-LPP-06	2,[illegible]94.00 sq.m.	Barangay Vergara Mandaluyong City	90 Calendar Days	Linear Park and Promenade
c. Barangay Mabini J. Rizal Linear Park (Package C)	EPA LPP-07	1,538.49 sq.m.	Barangay Mabini J. Rizal, Mandaluyong City	90 Calendar Days	Linear Park and Promenade

The works consist of three (3) separate contract packages. Bidders may bid for any one, two or all three contract packages ranked according to their preference, but award will be limited to two per bidder.

A bidder, who is already evaluated as an awardee in one (1) contract package, can only be awarded the subsequent package if his remaining financial bid capacity is equal or greater than his bid for the package, and if his bid is the lowest complying bid.

If a bidder has been evaluated as an awardee for two (2) packages, his bid for the subsequent package shall be returned unopened.

In the event that the lowest bidder is not qualified for the award due to insufficient financial bid capacity, the contract package shall be awarded to the next lowest complying bidder, at the cost of the next lowest complying bidder.

Interested contractors will be required to submit their accomplished qualification documents and bid proposals at the same time in two (2) separate sealed envelopes. The envelope containing the bid will be kept in a sealed box, which will not be opened until after the completion of the qualification evaluation and the list of qualified contractors has been finalized. Only the bids of qualified contractors will be opened on the date of bid opening. The bids of disqualified contractors will be returned unopened.

Interested contractors may obtain further information and secure the qualification and bid documents at the following address:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)
2nd Floor Engineering Building
MWSS CMPO., Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos: 433-3444/433-3446/926-5233/926-5234

A complete set of qualification and bid documents may be purchased by interested contractors from the above address on 25, 29 & 30 April 2002 and 2-3 May 2002 upon submission of a letter of intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) per contract package.

Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on 10 May 2002, 10 a.m. at the Conference Room, PRRC office. The accomplished qualification documents and the bid in two (2) separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to the PRRC on or before 1200 hours on 10 June 2002. The date of bid opening will be announced later.

The contractors shall submit together with qualification documents a notarized sworn statement stating their project workload as of date of bidding, including newly awarded but not yet started contracts with corresponding contract amount.

All particulars relative to Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the ADB Procurement Guidelines and other pertinent laws and regulations. The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive minor informalities, or accept such bids which will be the most advantageous to the government. The decision of BAC is final and binding.

(Sgd.) BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ
Executive Director

(PDI--April 20, 21 & 22, 2002)

SAMAR I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Brgy. Carayman, Calbayog City

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : April 16, 2002

The SAMAR I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SAMELCO I) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of the following items for its expansion projects funded by the government subsidy:

Item No.	Quantity	Description
1.	365 pcs	Various sizes of Treated Distribution Wood Poles
2.	258 pcs	Treated Anchor Logs, 4 Feet
3.	30 pcs	Treated Distribution Crossarm, Wood, 8 Feet

All above items must conform with NEA 7.62/13.2 KV Line Construction Specifications

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and obtain bidding documents upon payment of a non-refundable amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) at the address given below from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SAMELCO I Headquarters
Brgy. Carayman, Calbayog City

Interested parties who are not yet accredited must submit/meet the following requirement to be eligible for the bidding:

1. Company profile;
2. List of clients;

For purposes of clarification and to discuss the details of the item due for bidding, a pre-bid conference will be held on **April 23, 2002** at 2:00 PM at the address above.

Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before 2:00 PM on **April 30, 2002** accompanied by bidders bond in cash or cashier's check in the amount equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder or the bidder's authorized representative at the address above at 2:00 PM on **April 30, 2002**.

(Sgd.) LEONARDO B. PICZON JR.
Board President

(PDI--April 19, 20 & 21, 2002)

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Interested party may contact Mr. Berchtold on May 4 first thru Tel. No. (02) 897-7272. Please bring your curriculum vitaé and a possible sample artwork during interview.

Pharmacist Required

Licensed full time or part time pharmacist required with excellent sales and computer skills to manage a cosmetic and beauty products business. Must be able to set up an office space at his or her home within Metro Manila and below thirty (30) years old. Please submit your resumé with your colored ID picture to:

Ortega, Del Castillo, Bacorro,
Odulio, Calma & Carbonell
Law Offices
140 L.P. Leviste St.,
Salcedo Village, Makati City

or contact Atty. Carlo S. Marasigan at 818-2321 to 25.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

ACCOUNTING STAFF SECRETARY

College graduate, 30 years old and below, with 2 years experience, residents of Valenzuela.

Send resumé on or before April 24, 2002 to:

6001 Benito Hao Street, Mapulang Lupa, Valenzuela City

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL
Manila

BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials and Hospital Services for Second Semester CY, 2002.

Only responsible and duly licensed/accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors are qualified to participate

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC. Office of the Administrative Officer V, 2nd floor Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products, if applicable;
2. Authenticated Certificate of Product Registration (For Drugs and Medicines/Laboratory/Medical Supplies;
3. Authenticated copy of License to Operate (DTI/Mayor's permit).

And upon presentation of a non-refundable fee as indicated per category/item (Drugs & Medicines - P1,000.00; Lab/Medical Supplies - P500.00 cash. Dietary foodstuff/Maintenance Supplies - P300.00 each & Dental/Office/janitorial supplies - P200.00 each);

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
Hospital Supplies & Materials:				
1. Various Drugs / Medicines	May 6-24, 2002	May 15, 2002 9:00 am	May 29, 2002 9:00 am	May 29, 2002 9:01 am
2. Various Laboratory Reagents/Supplies	May 6-24, 2002	May 15, 2002 2:00 pm	May 30, 2002 9:00 am	May 30, 2002 9:01 am
3. Various Medical Supplies	May 6-24, 2002	May 16, 2002 9:00 am	May 31, 2002 9:00 am	May 31, 2002 9:01 am
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	May 6-24, 2002	May 22, 2002 9:00 am	June 5, 2002 9:00 am	June 5, 2002 9:01 am
5. Various Radiology Supplies	May 6-24, 2002	May 22, 2002 2:00 pm	June 5, 2002 2:00 pm	June 5, 2002 2:01 pm
6. Various Dental Supplies	May 6-24, 2002	May 22, 2002 3:00 pm	June 5, 2002 3:00 pm	June 5, 2002 3:01 pm
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	May 6, 24, 2002	May 23, 2002 9:00 am	June 6, 2002 9:00 am	June 6, 2002 9:01 am
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	May 6-24, 2002	May 23, 2002 2:00 pm	June 6, 2002 2:00 pm	June 6, 2002 2:01 pm

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater Audio Visual Room, SLH Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total amount of bid, except for those categories wherein amount of Bid security is specified in the Bid documents.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH BAC at telephone Nos. 309-95-52 or 711-69-66 (telefax).

SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL BAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID, TO ANNUL THE BIDDING PROCESS, REJECTS ALL BIDS AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, WITHOUT THEREBY INCURRING ANY LIABILITY TO THE AFFECTED BIDDERS OR ANY OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE AFFECTED BIDDER OR BIDDERS ON THE REASONS FOR DOING SO. SLH-BAC ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY BIDS NOR DEEM IT GUARANTEED THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.

(Sgd.) **ELEONORITA E. REYES**
Chairperson, SLH BAC

Noted by:

(Sgd.) **BENITO F. ARCA, MD, MPH**
Medical Center Chief II

(PDI--April 21 & 28, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby notified that the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) has approved the application for the closure of operations of **SG SECURITIES (PHILIPPINES), INC.** effective **April 30, 2002**.

We express our gratitude for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) **URBANO B. RAZON, JR.**
Head of Office

(PDI - April 21, 2002)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS
Abelardo Samonte Hall, College, Laguna 4031 Philippines

Office of the Vice Chancellor
for Planning and Development

COMMITTEE ON BIDS AND AWARDS
(INFRASTRUCTURE)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Sealed bids for the furnishing of labor and materials for the **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (NCAS) BUILDING, COMPLETION OF EXISTING (3RD) THIRD FLOOR UP TO (4TH) FOURTH FLOOR LEVEL ONLY, PHASE III, UPLB**, College, Laguna will be received at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development (OVCPD), Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna not later than 2:00 PM, **July 2, 2002**, at which place, time and date said bids will be publicly opened.

Interested bidders who wish to prequalify may obtain prequalification statement forms (PRE-C) at the Campus Planning and Development Office (CPDO), College, Laguna, from **April 22, 2002** to **April 26, 2002** and should submit the same not later than **May 3, 2002** to the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna. It is mandatory that the contractor presents the original copy (with a photocopy) of the current PCAB Contractor's License with the Integrated Certificate of Registration and Classification of Contractors for Government Infrastructure Projects for authentication.

The application for eligibility is open to all local Filipino contractors who are registered, categorized and classified by PCAB as Contractors for government infrastructure projects with Size Range (Category) and Kind of Project (Classification) as **MEDIUM A - BUILDINGS** (Minimum Category Requirement).

Proposal forms and other related documents are available for issuance to qualified bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **PESOS FIVE THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (P5,000.00)** per set of documents from **June 3, 2002** to **June 7, 2002** at the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna.

Site inspection will be conducted at 9:30 AM, **June 11, 2002** and pre-bidding conference will be held at 2:00 PM on **June 11, 2002** at the OVCPD, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna.

All particulars relative to prequalification, bid security, performance security, pre-bid conference, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as amended on **May 24** and **July 5, 2002** and other applicable rules and regulations.

The U.P. Los Baños reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept such bids as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) **CASIANO S. ABRIGO, JR.**
Vice Chancellor and Chair

(PDI – Apr. 21, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH COOPERATION
Bldg. No. 31st Floor, San Lazaro Compound,
Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila 1003
Telefax Nos. 711-9582;
Tel. No. 781-8843, 743-8301 local 1310, 1311, 1304
e-mail address: bihc@doh.gov.ph; website: omega.doh.gov.ph/bihc

April 16, 2002

NOTICE

The Department of Health under the Early Childhood Development Project-Department of Health (ECDP-DOH) Component is in need of the following consultants (individual) to provide technical assistance in the implementation of the Project's Food Fortification sub-component:

1. Nutrition Specialist (1)
2. Legislation and Law Enforcement Consultant (1)
3. Business and Food and Nutrition Situation Analyst (1)
4. Communication and Advocacy Consultant

Prospective applicants must have at least five years experience in Food and Nutrition related undertakings. Interested individuals may get a copy of the Terms of Reference from the Early Childhood Development Project Office, Department of Health, G/F Building 3, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Letters of interest with curriculum vitaé and salary history must be submitted on or before **April 26, 2002** to the undersigned at the address below:

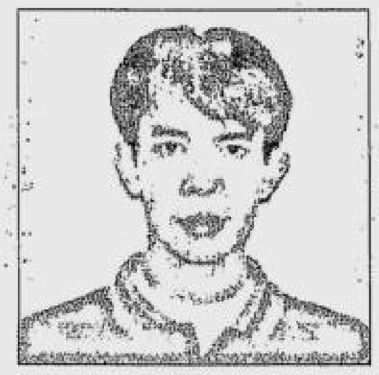
Unified Project Management Office
Bureau of International Health Cooperation
Department of Health
G/F Building 3, San Lazaro Compound
Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila

Should there be further inquiries, you may contact Ms. Sharon Andrea C. Lumpias, at Telephone No. (632) 338-6516, 743-8301 local 1343.

(Sgd.) **MA. VIRGINIA GUZMAN-ALA, MD, MPH**
Manager, UPMD

(PDI - April 20 & 21, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



The public is notified that **EDGAR GAMBOA y MANALASTAS** whose picture appears above and whose last known address is Luna Bella Residence, Talamban, Cebu City has been issued Warrant of Arrest under Criminal Case No. CBU-59363 for ESTAFA by the Regional Trial Court Branch 6 Cebu City.

Mr. Gamboa is believed to be living in Baguio City, Pampanga or Tarlac.

Monetary reward will be given to anyone who could give information leading to his arrest. Please call (032) 233-8111 or cellphone No. 0917-3231367.

(PDI--April 15 & 21, 2002)

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
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FIRST (1ST) INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF ROLL-UP/SUN SCREENS

All corporations registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), with extensive supply, delivery and installation experience in roll-up/sun screens (around 8,000 sq.m.) for office buildings are invited to apply for pre-qualification for the bidding of the Bank's roll-up/sun screen requirements for the new LBP Headquarters Building in Malate, Manila with the following schedule:

Issuance of Pre-Qualification Form	Pre-Qualification Conference	Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/ Pre-disqualification after		Issuance of Notices of Pre-qualification/ Pre-disqualification	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Bidding Date
April 22-23, 2002 @ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	April 23, 2002 @ 3:00 p.m.	a. Evaluation of Pre-qualifications Documents & Brochures	May 06, 2002	May 16, 2002	May 17, 2002 @ 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.	May 21, 2002 @ 10:00 a.m.	May 24, 2002 @ 10:00 a.m.
		b. Evaluation of mock-ups versus Brochures	May 16, 2002				

All interested Suppliers may obtain the Pre-qualification forms from the Ad Hoc Group Office, c/o Project Management and Engineering Department (PMED), 24th flr.,Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila, upon payment of a non-refundable processing fee of P1,400.00.

After the pre-qualification conference, Suppliers shall be given one (1) day to signify in writing their interest to join the pre-qualification process by accomplishing the proforma Letter of Intent (LOI) included in the pre-qualification forms issued earlier. Attendance to the pre-qualification conference is among the requirements for pre-qualification.

Duly accomplished Pre-qualification forms shall be submitted to and received at the above-stated office not later than **April 26, 2002**, 3:00PM, after which no documents will be accepted. All participating suppliers shall be notified in writing of the results of the pre-qualification.

Only pre-qualified suppliers may secure Bid Documents at the above-stated office/date upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00.

Pre-Qualification and Pre-Bid conferences will be held at the Facilities Management and General Services Group (FMGSG) Conference Room, 24th Floor, Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila.

Bidding shall be conducted using the two (2) envelope system (envelopes "A" and "B") to be submitted to and received not later than 10:00 AM on **May 24, 2002** (the Bidding Date). Bidding shall be held at the FMGSG Conference Room, 24th Floor Land Bank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. Dr. J. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila.

LBP reserves the right to change the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference and bidding date. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBP to pre-qualified bidders.

LBP likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense/loss that they may incur during the preparation of their bids, and to accept the bid that is most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO T. HERNANDEZ**
Chairman,
Sub-Committee for LBP HQ Building Project

(PDI – April 19, 20 & 21, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Ana Oliva A. Eraga whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **Jardine Land, Inc.** Her employment with the Company was terminated for a cause. Any transaction entered by her in behalf of Jardine Land, Inc. starting **March 3, 2001** will not be honored by the Company.

THE MANAGEMENT

ERRATUM

In the **Notice to the Public Ad** of **Jardine Land Inc.** published in this paper April 14 and 15, 2002, effective date of termination from the Company of Ms. Ana Oliva A. Eraga was inadvertently printed as March 3, 2002 instead of **March 3, 2001**.

Our Apologies

Opportunity knocks but once.

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Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. R. 699
Series of 2001

AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM BUYER'S PROTECTIVE DECREE AND OTHER RELATED LAWS

WHEREAS, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) is vested with rule-making and standard setting functions under Executive Order No. 648, s. of 1984 as amended by Executive Order No. 90, s. of 1986;

WHEREAS, Section 36 of PD 957 mandates HLURB to issue necessary standard, rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Decree.

WHEREAS, the powers of HLURB to approve subdivision plans has been devolved to cities and municipalities pursuant to RA 7160, yet EO 71, series of 1993 stipulates that the exercise of such devolved powers shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and standards of PD 957 and other related laws as promulgated by HLURB;

WHEREAS, the signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between HLURB and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) recognizes the need to monitor the practice of licensed professionals in subdivision and condominium projects;

WHEREAS, the Housing the Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) issued Council Res. No. 01, Series of 2000, approving the definition of loan ceilings/limits of housing packages;

WHEREAS, the Board received clamor from the Regional Offices, private sectors, standards implementors and other stakeholders to review and re-examine the existing policies, rules standards and procedures pertinent to the issuance of subdivision and condominium development permits and licenses;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to harmonize the policies, rules, standards and procedures with recent issuances;

WHEREFORE, be it, **RESOLVED** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations to Implemented PD 957, attached as Annex 1, be **APPROVED**.

APPROVED, this 20th day of August 2001, Quezon City.

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REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM BUYERS PROTECTIVE DECREE (PD 957) AND OTHER RELATED LAWS

Pursuant to Article IV Section 5 c) of Executive Order No. 648 the following rules are hereby promulgated by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board to Implement Presidential Decree Nos. 957, 1216, 1344 and other related laws WHICH SHALL APPLY TO OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS

RULE I
MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS

Section 1. Design Standards for Subdivision. x x x ...

A. Site Criteria

1. Location - x x x . . . may be allowed IN AREA ZONED FOR THE SAID URBAN ACTIVITIES.

x x x x x x

B. Planning Considerations

1. **Area Planning**

Planning and designing of subdivision projects shall take into account the FOLLOWING:

a. SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE FUTURE OCCUPANTS

b. ADEQUATE, SAFE, EFFICIENT AND INTEGRATIVE ROAD CIRCULATION SYSTEM SERVICING EVERY LOT THEREIN. . x x x

x x x x x x

a. Open spaces - x x x

b. FACILITIES AND AMENITIES - AREAS REQUIRED FOR SUBDIVISION FACILITIES AND AMENITIES SHALL BE JUDICIOUSLY ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREIN SPECIFIED.

c. DENSITY - DENSITY OF SUBDIVISION PROJECTS SHALL CONFORM WITH THE RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES SET FORTH IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY/MUNICIPALITY WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED. WHERE THERE IS A MIXTURE OF HOUSING TYPES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION (SUCH AS SINGLE-DETACHED, ROW HOUSE, TOWN HOUSES, ETC.) DENSITY SHALL INCLUDE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS IN MULTI-STOREY STRUCTURE PLUS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LOTS INTENDED FOR SINGLE AND SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES.

2. **Site Preservation**

a. Slope - x x x

b. Preservation of Site Assets - Suitable trees with a CALIPER diameter of 200 MILLIMETERS or more, shrubs and desirable ground cover PER DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) RULES . . . x x x .

Where a good quality top soil exists in the site it shall be BANKED and shall be preserved . . . x x x . .

c. Ground Cover - x x x

3. **Easements** - Subdivision projects shall observe and conform to the following provisions on easements as may be required by:

a. Chapter IV, Section 51 of The Water Code ON WATER BODIES;

b. National Power Corporation (NPC), ON TRANSMISSION LINES;

c. PHIVOLCS per Resolution No. 515 Series of 1992, ON IDENTIFIED FAULT TRACES;

d. Other public utility companies and other entities' RIGHT-OF-WAY.

e. x x x

f. OTHER RELATED LAWS

4. **Circulation** - x x x

a. x x x . . . PATHWALKS within the subdivision must be so aligned to facilitate movement . . x x x . .

b. Streets should conform to the contours of the land as FAR AS practicable

WHERE A PROPOSED PROJECT ADJOINS A DEVELOPED PROPERTY, ROADS WITHIN THE SAID PROJECT SHALL BE CONNECTED/ INTEGRATED/ ALIGNED WITH EXISTING ONES.

WHERE A PROPOSED PROJECT ADJOINS UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY, A PROVISION FOR FUTURE CONNECTION SHALL BE MANDATORY.

c. AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE streets shall be laid out AT RIGHT ANGLES . . x x x

d. x x x

e. SUBDIVISION PROJECTS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PERTINENT REQUIREMENTS OF BATAS PAMBANSA NO. 344, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACCESSIBILITY LAW.

5. Installation of Street Names/Signs. x x x

C. Design Parameters

1. **Land Allocation**

For OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST subdivision projects with an area of one (1) hectare or more, the PERCENTAGE (%) ALLOCATION OF LAND SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

a. SALEABLE AREA – MAXIMUM OF 70% OF THE GROSS AREA

b. NON-SALEABLE AREA – MINIMUM OF 30% OF THE GROSS AREA.

THE FOLLOWING NON-SALEABLE AREA SHALL BE OBSERVED CONSISTENT WITH PD NO. 1216:

b.1 Parks/Playgrounds - ALLOCATION OF AREA for Parks and Playgrounds SHALL BE MANDATORY for projects one (1) hectare OR MORE and SHALL BE DEEMED NON-BUILDABLE AREA. THE SAME SHALL BE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION PROJECT. AREA ALLOCATED FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS SHALL IN NO CASE BE LESS THAN 100 SQUARE METERS.

THE PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENT FOR PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DENSITY (No. of Lots/Dwelling Unit Per Hectare)	PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS (Allocation in Percent of Gross Area) (%)
20 and below	3.5
21 – 25	4.0
26 – 35	5.0
36 – 50	6.0
51 – 65	7.0
Above 65	9.0

b.2 Community Facilities - MANDATORY PROVISION OF AREAS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER BOTH FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS WITH AREA ONE (1) HECTARE AND ABOVE. THESE AREAS ARE NON-SALEABLE. HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPER MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND COMMERCIAL/RETAIL CENTERS IN EXCESS OF THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS RULE WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED SALEABLE. THE USE OF THE SAID AREA SHALL BE INDICATED IN THE PLAN AND SHALL BE ANNOTATED IN THE TITLE THERETO. (REFER TO TABLE 1)

TABLE 1
Facilities According to the Number of Saleable Lots/Dwelling Units for Subdivision Projects 1 hectare and Above

No. of Saleable Lots and/or Dwelling Unit	Neighbor-hood Multi-Purpose Center*	Convenience Stores & Other Commercial Centers**	Elementary School**	High School**	Tricycle Terminals**
10 & below	-	-	-	-	-
11 – 99	-	-	-	-	-
100 – 499	x	-	-	-	-
500 – 999	x	-	-	-	-
1000 – 1499	x	-	-	-	-
1500 – 1999	x	x	x	-	x
2000 – 2499	x	x	x	x	x
2500 and Over	x	x	x	x	x

* Mandatory non-saleable
** Optional Saleable but when provided in the plan the same shall be annotated in the title

b.3 CIRCULATION SYSTEM

b.3.1 HIERARCHY OF ROADS - THE CIRCULATION SYSTEM FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING HIERARCHY OF ROADS:

PROJECT SIZE RANGE (HAS.)	OPEN MARKET	MEDIUM COST
2.5 & below	major, minor, motor court, alley	Major, minor, motor court, alley
Above 2.5 – 5	major, collector, minor, motor court	-do-
Above 5 – 10	-do-	major, collector, minor, motor court, alley -do-
Above 10 – 15	-do-	-do-
Above 15 – 30	-do-	-do-
Above 30	-do-	

MINIMUM ROAD RIGHT OF WAY SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH b.3.2 OF THIS SECTION.

In no case shall a major road be less than 10 meters when used as main access road and/or as future connection.

a) Major ROAD - a street or road linking the site and serves as the main traffic artery within the project site AND SHALL TRAVERSE THE LONGER AXIS OF THE PROPERTY.

b) COLLECTOR ROAD - A STREET OR A ROAD THAT SERVICES PEDESTRIAN/VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM MINOR ROADS LEADING TO MAJOR ROADS.

x x x

e) SERVICE ROADS - ROADS WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC AMONG INDIVIDUAL LOTS AND ACTIVITY CENTERS.

f) Alley - A 3-METER WIDE WALKWAY WHICH SHALL BE USED TO BREAK A BLOCK AND TO SERVE PEDESTRIANS AND FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES. IT SHALL NOT BE USED AS ACCESS TO PROPERTY.

b.3.2 ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY - THE CORRESPONDING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HIERARCHY OF ROADS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

PROJECT SIZE (HECTARES)	RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) (METERS)					
	OPEN MARKET			MEDIUM COST		
	Major	Collector	Minor	Major	Collector	Minor
2.5 & BELOW	10	-	8	10	-	8
Above 2.5 – 5	12	10	8	10	-	8
Above 5 – 10	12	10	8	12	10	8
Above 10 – 15	12	10	8	12	10	8
Above 15 – 30	15	12	10	12	10	8
Above 30	15	12	10	15	12	10
	ROW	CARRIAGEWAY		ROW	CARRIAGEWAY	
Motor Court	6	5		6	5	
Alley	3	3		3	3	
				NOTE: A 6-m SERVICE ROAD BOTH ENDS CONNECTING TO A MINOR ROAD SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR BLOCKS NOT EXCEEDING 60 METERS.		

a) MAJOR ROADS SHALL MAINTAIN A UNIFORM WIDTH OF RIGHT-OF-WAY. TAPERING OF ROAD WIDTH SHALL CONFORM WITH GOOD ENGINEERING DESIGN.

b) INTERIOR SUBDIVISION PROJECT MUST SECURE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE NEAREST PUBLIC ROAD AND THE RIGHT OF WAY SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS INTERCONNECTING ROAD WITH A MINIMUM RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 10 METERS. THIS FACT SHALL BE ANNOTATED ON THE TITLE OF SAID ROAD LOT AND MUST BE DONATED AND DEEMED TURNED OVER TO THE LGU UPON COMPLETION OF THE SAID INTERCONNECTING ROAD.

c) SUBDIVISION PROJECTS ABUTTING MAIN PUBLIC ROAD MUST PROVIDE A SETBACK OF 3-METER DEEP BY 9-METER IN LENGTH AT BOTH SIDES OF THE SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE TO ACCOMMODATE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PASSENGERS. (See Figure 8)

d) SUBDIVISION PROJECTS SHALL HAVE PROVISION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION WHERE APPLICABLE, BY DESIGNATING THE MAJOR ROADS, AS PRESCRIBED IN SEC. 1 C b 3.2 AS THE INTERCONNECTING ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BOTH OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS

b.3.3 PLANTING STRIPS - PLANTING STRIPS AS REQUIRED UNDER PD 953 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE OBSERVED WITH THE FOLLOWING ROAD SPECIFICATIONS:

(m)	OPEN MARKET		MEDIUM COST	
	Planting Strip (m)	Sidewalk (m)	Planting Strip (m)	Sidewalk (m)
15.00	1.50	1.20	1.30	1.20
12.00	0.80	1.20	0.80	1.20
10.00	0.80	1.20	0.80	1.20
8.00	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
6.50	Optional		Optional	

NOTE: Refer to Supplemental Rules and Regulations to implement PD 953

Tree Planting - x x x

b.3.4 Road Pavement - All roads FOR BOTH OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS shall be paved WITH EITHER concrete or asphalt. Concrete pavement SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 150 MILLIMETERS AND A MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 20.7 MEGA PASCAL WHILE ASPHALT SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 50 MILLIMETERS.

SIDEWALK PAVEMENT SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 17.2 MEGA PASCAL.

b.3.5 Road Intersection - x x x

b.3.6 Road Grade/Slope - x x x

GRADES AND VERTICAL CURBS SHALL CONFORM TO THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS.

2. **Lot Requirements**

a. Lot Layout x x x

b. Minimum Lot Area - THE MINIMUM LOT AREA OF VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPES OF HOUSING	OPEN MARKET (Sq.m.)	MEDIUM COST (Sq.m.)
a. Single Detached	120	100
b. Duplex/Single Attached	96	80
c. Rowhouse	60	50

SALEABLE LOTS DESIGNATED AS DUPLEX/SINGLE ATTACHED AND/OR ROWHOUSE LOTS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING UNITS.

PRICE OF SALEABLE LOTS INTENDED FOR SINGLE-DETACHED UNITS SHALL NOT EXCEED 40 PERCENT OF THE MAXIMUM SELLING PRICE OF HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGES.

c. Lot Design

c.1 SALEABLE lots shall be so designed that they are not bisected by POLITICAL boundaries, water courses, drainage ways and utility lines

x x x x x x

d. Lot Frontage - THE minimum lot frontages for VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING, BOTH FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING projects shall be as follows:

TYPES OF HOUSING/LOT	FRONTAGE (m.)
1 Single Detached	
a. Corner Lot	12
b. Regular Lot	10
c. Irregular Lot	6
d. Interior Lot	3
2 Duplex/Single Attached	8
3 Rowhouse	4

x x x x x x

3. Length of Block - MAXIMUM LENGTH OF BLOCK SHALL BE 400 METERS, HOWEVER, BLOCKS EXCEEDING 250 METERS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH AN ALLEY APPROXIMATELY AT MID-LENGTH.

4. Shelter Component

a. Minimum floor area for OPEN MARKET HOUSING SHALL BE 42 SQUARE METERS AND 30 SQUARE METERS FOR MEDIUM COST HOUSING.

b. Minimum Level of Completion - complete house for ALL TYPES OF DWELLING UNITS BASED ON THE SUBMITTED SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVISION OF FIREWALL SHALL BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND MANDATORY FOR DUPLEXES/SINGLE ATTACHED UNITS AND EVERY UNIT FOR ROWHOUSES.

5. Yard/SETBACK - THE MINIMUM SETBACK OF DWELLING UNITS BOTH FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS SHALL CONFORM WITH THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

6. Water Supply System

a. Specific Rules x x x . . . water supply shall be MANDATORILY connected to an APPROPRIATE public water system . . x x x

x x x x x x

a.5 Each subdivision SHALL have at least AN operational deepwell AND PUMPSETS WITH sufficient capacity to PROVIDE AVERAGE Daily Demand (ADD) TO ALL HOMEOWNERS

b. Water Requirement . x x x . SUFFICIENT TO MEET the total hourly domestic needs of every household for any 8 hour period

THE Average Daily Demand (ADD) FOR BOTH OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECTS IS 150 liters per capita per day (LCPD) household connection (Per Board Resolution No. 566, series of 1995)

x x x x x x

7. Electrical Power Supply System - x x x

INSTALLATION PRACTICES, MATERIALS AND FIXTURES USED shall BE IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of the PHILIPPINE Electrical Code AND/OR local utility company

PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTING PER POLE IS MANDATORY AT 50-meter DISTANCE AND EVERY OTHER POLE IF DISTANCE IS LESS THAN 50 METERS. ELECTRICAL BILLS FOR STREET LIGHTS SHALL BE PROPORTIONATELY SHOULDERED BY THE USERS THEREOF PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (COC) AND TURN-OVER OF OPEN SPACE TO LGU.

8. Sewage Disposal System - THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST SUBDIVISION PROJECTS SHALL EITHER BE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

x x x x x x

b. Septic Tanks - x x x CONSTRUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL SEPTIC TANKS SHALL CONFORM TO THE DESIGN STANDARDS OF SANITATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (PD 856) AND NATIONAL PLUMBING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (RA 1378).

9. Drainage System - x x x FOR BOTH OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST SUBDIVISION PROJECTS underground drainage system SHALL BE PROPERLY ENGINEERED AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND SHALL BE PROVIDED with adequate REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPES (RCP), CATCH BASINS manholes, INLETS AND CROSS DRAIN for efficient maintenance. MINIMUM DRAINAGE PIPES DIAMETER SHALL BE 30 CENTIMETERS.

10 Garbage Disposal System - x x x

Section 2. Design Standards and Guidelines for Residential Condominium Projects

A. Site Criteria

B. Planning Consideration

1. Area Planning - x x x

2. Site Preservation/Alteration

a. SLOPE - THE FINISHED GRADE SHALL HAVE A DESIRED SLOPE TO ALLOW RAINWATER TO BE CHANNELED INTO STREET DRAINS. WHERE CUT AND FILL IS NECESSARY AN APPROPRIATE GRADE SHALL BE ATTAINED TO PREVENT ANY DEPRESSION IN THE AREA.

GRADING AND DITCHING SHALL BE EXECUTED IN A MANNER THAT WILL PREVENT EROSION OR FLOODING OF ADJOINING PROPERTIES.

b. PRESERVATION OF SITE ASSETS - SUITABLE TREES WITH A CALIPER DIAMETER OF 200 MILLIMETERS OR MORE, AS WELL AS SHRUBS AND DESIRABLE GROUND COVER SHALL BE PRESERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DENR. WHERE GOOD QUALITY TOP SOIL EXISTS IN THE SITE IT SHALL BE BANKED AND SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR FINISHING GRADES OF YARDS, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS AND GARDEN AREA.

c. GROUND COVER - GRASS, SHRUBS, PLANTS AND OTHER LANDSCAPING MATERIALS USED FOR GROUND COVER SHALL BE OF VARIETY APPROPRIATE FOR ITS INTENDED USE AND LOCATION. THEY SHALL BE SO PLANTED AS TO ALLOW COMPLETE AND PERMANENT COVER OF THE AREA.

C. Design Parameters

1. Space Allocation - x x x shall be in accordance with the requirements of the National Building Code OF THE PHILIPPINES and its implementing rules AND REGULATIONS/REFERRAL CODES.

1.1 Parks/Playground and/or Other Recreational Areas

x x x x x x

b x x x . . shall be 50 square meters. Increments of 3.00 square meters for every additional family dwelling type in excess of 10 UNITS shall be added

x x x x x x

1.2 Parking SPACE REQUIREMENT

a. FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS

a.1 THE PARKING SLOT REQUIREMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

a.2 OFF-SITE PARKING MAY BE ALLOWED IN ADDITION TO THE ON-SITE PARKING PROVIDED THAT DESIGNATED PARKING AREA IS PART OF THE PROJECT AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE REQUIRED DISTANCE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

a.3 x x x

b. FOR COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS

b.1 THE MINIMUM PARKING SLOT REQUIREMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

b.2 OFF-SITE PARKING MAY BE ALLOWED IN ADDITION TO THE ON-SITE PARKING PROVIDED THAT DESIGNATED PARKING AREA IS PART OF THE PROJECT OR THE PROJECT IS WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION WHERE COMMON PARKING AREA IS PART OF THE APPROVED SUBDIVISION PLAN AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPLICITLY INDICATED IN THE CONTRACT OF SALE OF PROPERTY TO BE DEVELOPED. OFF-SITE PARKING SHALL NOT BE LOCATED 200 METERS AWAY FROM CONDOMINIUM PROJECT.

1.3 Access Roads - x x x

a. HIERARCHY OF ROADS - FOR HORIZONTAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS, THE HIERARCHY OF ROADS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THE MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION PROJECTS

b. PAVEMENT - ALL ROADS (MAJOR, MINOR, MOTORCOURT) FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS SHALL BE PAVED WITH CONCRETE/ ASPHALT.

1.4 Basic Facilities and Services

x x x x x x

b.1 Reservoir/Water Tank

For multi-storey buildings

x x x x x x

Tank shall also be required if the peak drawn should reduce the pressure on the highest usable floor to less than 0.06 Mpa - x x x

x x x x x x

d. Refuse Collection/Disposal - CENTRALIZED GARBAGE DEPOSITORY AREA AND EFFICIENT REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED WHETHER INDEPENDENTLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES. IT SHALL CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE SANITATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS/ PERTINENT REFERRAL CODES.

2. FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS

2.1 SINGLE-OCCUPANCY UNIT - SINGLE OCCUPANCY UNITS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM FLOOR AREA OF 18 SQUARE METERS HOWEVER A NET FLOOR AREA OF 12 SQUARE METERS MAY BE ALLOWED PROVIDED THAT:

a. THESE ARE INTENDED FOR STUDENTS/EMPLOYEES/ WORKERS AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT TO WHICH THESE WILL BE INTEGRATED IS WITHIN HIGHLY URBANIZED AREAS.

b. THE SAME SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH COMMON BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS LAUNDRY/DRYING AREA AND SUPPORT AMENITIES SUCH AS VISITOR'S LOUNGE AND DINING AREA.

c. SAID FACILITIES/SUPPORT AMENITIES INCLUDING ALL OTHER MEASURES THAT WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTENDED USE OF THE UNIT SHALL BE EXPLICITLY INDICATED IN THE MASTER DEED/ CONTRACT TO SELL.

2.2 FAMILY DWELLING UNIT - THE MINIMUM FLOOR AREA OF FAMILY CONDOMINIUM UNITS SHALL BE 36 SQUARE METERS AND 22 SQUARE METERS FOR OPEN MARKET AND MEDIUM COST CONDOMINIUM PROJECT RESPECTIVELY.

Section 3. Conversion of Existing Structures to Condominium Projects. x x x

Section 4. Variances x x x

RULE II
APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLAN

Section 5. Application for Approval of Subdivision DEVELOPMENT Plan - x x x . shall apply with the Board OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) CONCERNED for the approval of the subdivision DEVELOPMENT plan by filing the following

A. FOR OPTIONAL APPLICATION FOR Preliminary SUBDIVISION Development Plan

1. At least 2 sets of Site Development Plan (Schematic Plan) at a scale ranging from 1:200 to 1:2,000 showing the proposed layout of streets, lots, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS and other features in relation to existing conditions IN THE AREA duly signed AND SEALED by ANY OF THE FOLLOWING licensed PROFESSIONALS:

a. AN ARCHITECT WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

b. A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

c. A GEODETIC ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

d. AN ARCHITECT OR A CIVIL ENGINEER OR A GEODETIC ENGINEER AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER AS CO-SIGNATORY.

2. ONE (1) SET OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER:

a. VICINITY MAP INDICATING THE ADJOINING LAND USES, ACCESS, AS WELL AS EXISTING FACILITIES AND UTILITIES AT LEAST WITHIN 500 METERS FROM THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT, DRAWN TO ANY CONVENIENT SCALE.

b. Topographic Plan to include THE FOLLOWING:

(1) Boundary Lines bearings distances, TIE POINT OR REFERENCE POINT, GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES OF THE TIE POINT OR BUREAU OF LANDS LOCATIONAL MONUMENT (BLLM);

(2) Streets, easements, width and elevation OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE PROJECT and adjacent subdivisions/ AREAS;

x x x x x x

(6) Water courses, marshes, rock and wooded areas, PRESENCE OF preservable trees in CALIPER diameter OF 200 MILLIMETERS, houses, barns, shacks, and other significant features

(8) Proposed public improvements: highways or other major improvements planned by public authorities for future construction WITHIN/ADJACENT TO the subdivision.

x x x x x x

4. Right to use or deed of sale of right-of-way for access road and other utilities when Applicable, SUBJECT TO JUST COMPENSATION FOR PRIVATE LAND.

x x x x x x

B. FOR APPLICATION FOR Subdivision DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

1. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS SPECIFIED IN SEC.1.A. OF THIS RULE.

2. Subdivision DEVELOPMENT Plan consisting of the site development plan at any of the following scales: 1:200; 1:1,000; or any scale not exceeding 1:2,000; showing all proposals including the following:

x x x x x x

THE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL BE DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS:

a. AN ARCHITECT WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

b. A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

c. A GEODETIC ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR

d. AN ARCHITECT OR A CIVIL ENGINEER OR A GEODETIC ENGINEER AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER AS CO-SIGNATORY.

3. A Scheme for tree planting IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD RES. NO. R-509, S. 1992 AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, S. 1994 HERETO ATTACHED AS ANNEXES "A & B".

4. Civil AND SANITARY Works Design – x x x

a. At least 2 copies of road (geometric and structural) design/plan DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER

(1) Profile DERIVED FROM EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC MAP showing the vertical control, designed grade, curve elements and all information needed for construction

(2) TYPICAL ROADWAY SECTIONS SHOWING RELATIVE DIMENSIONS OF PAVEMENT, SUB-BASE AND BASE PREPARATION, CURBS AND GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, SHOULDERS BENCHING AND OTHERS.

(3) Details of miscellaneous structures such as curb and gutter (barrier, mountable and drop), slope protection wall, RIPRAPPING and retaining wall.

b. At least 2 copies of storm drainage and SANITARY sewer system DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED SANITARY ENGINEER OR CIVIL ENGINEER.

(1) Profile showing the hydraulic gradients and properties of SANITARY AND STORM DRAINAGE lines including structures in relation with the road grade line

(2) Details of SANITARY AND STORM drainage LINES and miscellaneous structures . . x x x . . .

c. At least 2 copies of site grading plan . . . x x x . . . DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER.

5. At least 2 copies of water system layout and details DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED SANITARY ENGINEER OR CIVIL ENGINEER. SHOULD A PUMP MOTOR HAVE A HORSEPOWER (HP) RATING OF 50 HP OR MORE, ITS PUMP RATING AND SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE SIGNED AND SEALED BY A PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

6. x x x

7. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) OR CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE (CNC) DULY ISSUED BY THE DENR, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

8. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DAR conversion ORDER/EXEMPTION CLEARANCE, WHICHEVER IS applicable

9. At least 2 copies of project DESCRIPTION for projects having an area of 1 hectare and above TO INCLUDE the following:

a. Project profile indicating THE COST OF raw land and its development (total project cost), amortization schedule, sources of financing, cash flow, ARCHITECTURAL PLAN, if any, and work program,

b. Audited FINANCIAL statement FOR THE LAST 3 PRECEEDING YEARS;

c. Income tax return for THE LAST 3 PRECEEDING years;

x x x x x x

g. FOR NEW CORPORATIONS (3 YEARS AND BELOW) STATEMENT OF CAPITALIZATION AND SOURCES OF INCOME AND CASH FLOW TO SUPPORT WORK PROGRAM.

10. PLANS, specifications, bills of materials and cost estimates DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY THE APPROPRIATE LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.

11. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL FROM THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB).

12. TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT (TIA) FOR SUBDIVISION PROJECTS 30 HECTARES AND ABOVE.

13. LIST OF NAMES OF DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO SIGNED THE PLANS AND OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FILED INDICATING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

a. SURNAME;

b. FIRST NAME;

c. MIDDLE NAME;

d. MAIDEN NAME, IN CASE OF MARRIED WOMEN PROFESSIONAL;

e. PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER, DATE OF ISSUE AND EXPIRATION OF ITS VALIDITY

f. PROFESSIONAL TAX RECEIPT AND DATE OF ISSUE

g. TAXPAYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)

x x x . . subdivision project is PHYSICALLY feasible and does not run counter to the approved zoning and land use plan of the city or municipality and the SUBDIVISION plan complies with these Rules, the SAME shall be approved . . . x x x . . .

A development permit shall ONLY be valid for a period of 3 years from date of issuance IF NO PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IS INTRODUCED

IF PROJECT HAS BEEN ISSUED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, A LOCATIONAL CLEARANCE IS DEEMED INCORPORATED THEREIN.

The owner or developer shall CAUSE the necessary surveys of the project and prepare the survey returns with technical description and computations DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER to be submitted together and in accordance with the approved subdivision plan, to the Land Management SECTOR (LMS) for verification and approval pursuant to Section 50 of PD 1529 (Property Registration Decree) and sections 4 & 5 of PD 957 AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF RA 8560 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

RULE III
APPROVAL OF CONDOMINIUM PLAN

Section 6. Application for Approval of Condominium Plan. x x x

A. At least 2 sets of Condominium Plan AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING 1:400; OR ANY SCALE NOT EXCEEDING 1:400 DULY SIGNED licensed architect.

1. Site development plan TO INCLUDE PARKING AND PARKS AND LAYOUT, IF APPLICABLE.

x x x x x x

B. AT LEAST 2 COPIES OF VICINITY MAP INDICATING THE ADJOINING LAND USES, ACCESS AS WELL AS EXISTING FACILITIES AND UTILITIES AT LEAST WITHIN 500 METERS FROM THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT, DRAWN TO SCALE AND DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER.

C. x x x

D. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DAR CONVERSION ORDER/EXEMPTION CLEARANCE, IF APPLICABLE.

E. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) OR CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE (CNC) DULY ISSUED BY THE DENR, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

F. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF TITLE(S) AND CURRENT TAX RECEIPT.

G. RIGHT TO USE OR DEED OF SALE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ACCESS ROAD AND OTHER UTILITIES WHEN APPLICABLE.

H. ONE (1) COPY OF PROJECT STUDY TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Project PROFILE indicating among others, the development cost, total project cost, amortization schedules, sources of financing, marketability, cash flow, ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING PLANS and WORK PROGRAM/project time table;

2. Audited FINANCIAL statement FOR THE LAST 3 PRECEEDING YEARS;

3. INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE LAST 3 PRECEEDING YEARS;

4. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC);

5. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP;

6. CORPORATION BY-LAWS AND ALL IMPLEMENTING AMENDMENTS, AND

7. FOR NEW CORPORATIONS (3 YEARS AND BELOW) STATEMENT OF CAPITALIZATION AND SOURCES OF INCOME AND CASH FLOW TO SUPPORT WORK PROGRAM.

I. PERMIT TO DRILL FROM NWRB OR CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE FROM CONCERNED LOCAL FRANCHISE HOLDER.

J. LIST OF NAMES OF DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO SIGNED THE PLANS AND OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FILED INDICATING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. SURNAME

2. FIRST NAME

3. MIDDLE NAME

4. MAIDEN NAME, IN CASE OF MARRIED WOMEN PROFESSIONAL;

5. PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER, DATE OF ISSUE AND EXPIRATION OF ITS VALIDITY; AND

6. PROFESSIONAL TAX RECEIPT AND DATE OF ISSUE.

7. TAXPAYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)

x x x . . . condominium project is PHYSICALLY feasible . . . x x x . . .

A development permit shall ONLY be valid for a period of 3 years from date of issuance IF NO PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IS INTRODUCED

IF PROJECT HAS BEEN ISSUED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, A LOCATIONAL CLEARANCE IS DEEMED INCORPORATED THEREIN.

RULE IV
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS

Section 7. Application for Registration

A. COMMON REQUIREMENTS - The owner or the real estate dealer interested in the sale of lots or units in a subdivision project or condominium project, respectively, shall register the project with the Board by filing THE FOLLOWING

1. SWORN REGISTRATION STATEMENT USING EITHER:

a. HLURB Form 001 For Corporation, or

b. HLURB Form 002 For Single Proprietorship

2. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) or Original Certificate Of Title (OCT) duly stamped with original marking "CERTIFIED TRUE COPY" by the proper Register of Deeds and bearing its seal or security marker.

x x x x x x

7. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)/CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE (CNC), WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, duly ISSUED by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

8. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DAR CONVERSION ORDER/EXEMPTION CLEARANCE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

9. ELECTRICAL PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND DULY APPROVED BY THE LOCAL FRANCHISE HOLDER AS APPROPRIATE.

10. PERMIT TO OPERATE A DEEPWELL AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION OF CONFIRMED WATER RESISTIVITY TEST FROM THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB). WATER POTABILITY TEST RESULTS FROM CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/MAYNILAD.

B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. FOR CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS

a. x x x

b. BUILDING PERMIT

2. FOR SUBDIVISION PROJECTS:

a. 2 COPIES OF verified survey RETURNS with label . . x x x . . .

b. COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN CASE THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) PURSUANT TO THE 1991 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND RELATED ISSUANCES:

b.1 Sangguniang Resolution/Ordinance GRANTING of development permit/subdivision DEVELOPMENT plan containing the following information:

x x x x x x

b.2 CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION CONFERRING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO ISSUE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IN CASES WHERE THE SAME WAS NOT GRANTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANGBAYAN/ PANLUNGSOD.

EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION SCHEME BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL MUST BE ANY ORIGINAL COPY OR ONE CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPY THEREOF BY THE AUTHORIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, INDICATING CLEARLY HIS FULL NAME AND POSITION AND THE DATE OF APPROVAL. IT MUST CONTAIN THE SAME DATA AS ABOVE DESCRIBED. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IT MUST BEAR AN INDICATION OF SANGGUNIAN APPROVAL SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORDS LIKE "APPROVED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIAN" OR OTHERS OF SIMILAR IMPORT, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SANGGUNIANG HAS PROPERLY ISSUED SUCH AUTHORITY.

b.3 Proof of compliance to Sec. 18 of RA 7279 IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

b.3.1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT OF SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS WITHIN THE MAIN SUBDIVISION.

b.3.2 LICENSE TO SELL OF SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT OFFERED AS COMPLIANCE IF LOCATION OF COMPLIANCE IS NOT WITHIN THE MAIN SUBDIVISION PROJECT

b.3.3 JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH LGU OR OTHER HOUSING AGENCIES.

b.3.4 CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF BOND ISSUED BY THE LGU WHERE THE MAIN PROJECT IS LOCATED OR BY ANY OF THE HOUSING AGENCIES.

b.4 ONE (1) SET OF SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

c. PROJECT STUDY

d. COPY OF BROCHURES AND OTHER FORMS OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

Section 8. Application For License To Sell. x x x

A. Program of development duly chart WITH S-CURVE, GANTT chart/PERT-CPM also signed and sealed by LICENSED engineer or ARCHITECT including work activities, DURATION AND COSTING

B. Affidavit of UNDERTAKING TO PERFORM the following:

1. x x x

2. Submission of proof that titles to the saleable lots or units have been issued, which proof may include a CERTIFICATION FROM CONCERNED REGISTER OF DEEDS INDICATING THE lots/BLOCKS of units or data similar to those required under the requirement for Certificate of Registration only when required by the Board

3. Submission of a Certified True Copy of title of the common areas/OPEN SPACE, which title shall expressly indicate . . x x x . .

C. DULY ACCOMPLISHED AND NOTARIZED FACT SHEET

Section 9. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION - UPON EVALUATION OF THE COMPLETENESS AND VERACITY OF THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED, THIS OFFICE SHALL CAUSE THE PUBLICATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE APPLICANT A NOTICE OF PENDING APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSE TO SELL IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN ENGLISH OR IN PILIPINO RECITING THEREIN THAT AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSE TO SELL FOR THE SALE OF SUBDIVISION LOTS AND CONDOMINIUM UNITS HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD AND THAT THE AFORESAID APPLICATION PAPERS AS WELL AS THE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED THERETO ARE OPEN TO INSPECTION DURING BUSINESS HOURS BY INTERESTED PARTIES. IN ADDITION, A 3 X 6 BILLBOARD NOTICE OF THE PROJECT SHALL BE POSTED ON THE PROJECT SITE UNTIL THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE TO SELL.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION, THE PROPONENT SHALL SUBMIT PROOF OF PUBLICATION EXECUTED BY THE PUBLISHER AND AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO THE POSTING OF THE BILLBOARD NOTICE ON THE SITE.

Section 10. Certificate of Registration - x x x

Section 11. License to Sell - x x x . . . the Board shall issue a license to sell . . . x x x . . . PROVIDED THAT THE SUBMITTED REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS CAN ESTABLISH THAT the proposed sale of subdivision lot or condominium unit to the public is not fraudulent.

Section 12. Performance Bond - x x x

A. A surety bond amounting to 20% of the development cost OF THE UNFINISHED PORTION OF THE APPROVED PLAN issued by a duly accredited bonding company (WHETHER PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT) and acceptable to the Board, or,

B. x x x

C. Cash bond equivalent to 10% of the development cost OF THE UNFINISHED PORTION OF THE APPROVED PLAN which may be in the form of the following:

x x x x x x

RULE V
REGISTRATION OF REAL ESTATE DEALERS, BROKERS AND SALESMEN

SECTION 13. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF REAL ESTATE DEALERS

A SUBDIVISION OR CONDOMINIUM OWNER/DEVELOPER WHO DESIRES TO SELL LOTS OR UNITS IN HIS PROJECTS SHALL REGISTER AS A REAL ESTATE DEALER WITH THIS BOARD BY FILING A REGISTRATION STATEMENT.

A. TIME OF REGISTRATION

1. DEVELOPER WHO IS INTENDING TO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND WHO, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS DEVELOPING A SUBDIVISION OR CONDOMINIUM INTENDED FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC, SHALL APPLY AS A REAL ESTATE DEALER SIMULTANEOUS TO ITS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSE TO SELL OF ITS FIRST PROJECT.

2. A DEVELOPER WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND WHO OWNS OR DEVELOPS A PROJECT ALREADY REGISTERED AND LICENSED BY THIS BOARD SHALL APPLY FOR REGISTRATION WITH THIS BOARD UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS GUIDELINES.

B. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION - THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR DEALERS SHALL EXPIRE ON THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SUCCEEDING YEAR SHALL BE GRANTED UPON FILING AN APPLICATION MADE NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) NOR MORE THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE ENSUING YEAR AND UPON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF FILING FURTHER STATEMENTS OR INFORMATION, UNLESS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD. ALL APPLICATION FILED BEYOND SAID PERIOD SHALL BE TREATED AS ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS.

C. REGISTRY OF DEALERS - THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF ALL PERSONS REGISTERED AS DEALERS SHALL BE RECORDED IN A REGISTER KEPT BY THE BOARD WHICH SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.

D. REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION - AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION MAY BE REFUSED OR ANY REGISTRATION ALREADY GRANTED THEREUNDER, REVOKED BY THE BOARD IF, AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE AND HEARING, IT SHALL BE DETERMINED THAT SUCH APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT:

1. HAS VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF PD 957 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION MADE THEREUNDER, OR

2. HAS MADE MATERIAL FALSE STATEMENT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, OR

3. HAS BEEN GUILTY OF A FRAUDULENT ACT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SALE OF A SUBDIVISION LOT OR CONDOMINIUM UNIT, OR

4. HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS UNWORTHINESS, TO TRANSFER THE BUSINESS OF DEALER.

E. COMPLAINT AGAINST DEALERS - - IN CASE OF A COMPLAINT AGAINST A DEALER, NOTICE THERETO SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL THE BROKERS OR SALESMEN EMPLOYED BY SAID DEALER.

F. SUSPENSION OF DEALERS - PENDING THE HEARING OF THE COMPLAINT, THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ORDER THE SUSPENSION OF THE DEALER'S REGISTRATION PROVIDED THAT SUCH ORDER SHALL STATE THE CAUSE FOR THE SUSPENSION.

G. EFFECTS OF SUSPENSION/REVOCATION - THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF A DEALER SHALL CARRY WITH IT THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSES TO SELL OF ALL THE PROJECTS OWNED/DEVELOPED BY SAID DEALER.

H. NOTICE TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS - AN ORDER OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION OF A DEALER SHALL BE FURNISHED THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE SAID DEALERS' PROJECT IS LOCATED. THE NOTICE SHALL CONTAIN AN ADVISE TO SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEALER'S PROJECTS OR ANY LOT OR UNIT IN SAID PROJECT.

I. EFFECTS OF THE LIFTING OF SUSPENSION/REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION - IF THE SUSPENSION IS LIFTED OR THE REGISTRATION IS REINSTATED BY THE BOARD, THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE TO SELL OF THE PROJECTS OWNED BY SUCH DEALER SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED OR REINSTATED. A COPY OF THE DECISION LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OR REINSTATEMENT OF THE REGISTRATION SHALL BE FURNISHED THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AS WELL AS ITS BROKERS AND SALESMEN.

J. REGISTRATION FEES - THE BOARD SHALL COLLECT REGISTRATION FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF P2,000.00 WITH 20% SURCHARGE ON LATE REGISTRATIONS.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND PENALTIES - AN OWNER/DEVELOPER, WHO AS DEALER, FAILS TO REGISTER AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THESE GUIDELINES SHALL BE LIABLE UNDER SECTION 38 AND 39 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 957 AND RELATED LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED BY THIS BOARD.

Section 14. Application for Registration of Brokers and Salesmen - x x x

Section 15. Certificate of Registration - THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR BROKERS AND SALESMEN SHALL EXPIRE ON THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SUCCEEDING YEAR SHALL BE GRANTED UPON FILING AN APPLICATION MADE NOT LESS THAN 30 OR MORE THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE ENSUING YEAR AND UPON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF FILING FURTHER STATEMENTS OR INFORMATION, UNLESS SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD. ALL APPLICATIONS FILED BEYOND SAID PERIOD SHALL BE TREATED AS ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS.

Section 16. Bonds - The Bond required under Section 6 of the Decree may be either a cash or a surety bond issued by a duly accredited bonding company WHETHER PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY. x x x

RULE VI
SELLING PRICE

Section 17. Selling Price - THE SELLING PRICE FOR HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGE FOR MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECT AND OPEN MARKET HOUSING PROJECT IS AS FOLLOWS:

a. FOR MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECT - ABOVE P500,000 – P2M

b. FOR OPEN MARKET HOUSING PROJECT - ABOVE P2M

RULE VII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 18. Definition of Terms

For purposes of these rules, the following words and phrases are defined

a. Board or HLURB - shall mean the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board

b. BLOCK – A PARCEL OF LAND BOUNDED ON THE SIDES BY STREETS OR ALLEYS OR PATHWAYS OR OTHER NATURAL OR MAN-MADE FEATURES, AND OCCUPIED BY OR INTENDED FOR BUILDINGS.

ALL LANDS FRONTING ON ONE SIDE OF A STREET BETWEEN THE NEAREST STREETS, INTERSECTING, MEETING OR CROSSING THE AFORESAID STREET.

c. COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM - A BUILDING, OR GROUP OF BUILDINGS, USED FOR OFFICE, BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE ORGANIZED, OWNED AND MAINTAINED AS A CONDOMINIUM.

d. Common Areas - x x x

e. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – FACILITIES OR STRUCTURES INTENDED TO SERVE COMMON NEEDS AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, HOSPITALS, HEALTH CENTERS, BARANGAY CENTERS AND OTHER SIMILAR FACILITIES/AMENITIES PER PD 1216.

f. Condominium - x x x

A BUILDING IN WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT IS HELD IN SEPARATE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND ALL FLOOR SPACE, FACILITIES AND OUTDOOR AREAS USED IN COMMON BY ALL TENANTS ARE OWNED, ADMINISTERED AND MAINTAINED BY A CORPORATION CREATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE STATUTE.

AN INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT UNDER INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP IN A MULTIPLE UNITS DEVELOPMENT WITH COMMON ELEMENTS IN WHICH:

1. THE UNITS COMPRISES NOT ONLY THE SPACE ENCLOSED BY THE UNIT BOUNDARIES, BUT ALL MATERIAL PARTS OF THE LAND WITHIN THE SPACE;

2. THE COMMON ELEMENT MEANS ALL THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT EXCEPT THE UNITS;

3. THE COMMON ELEMENT IS OWNED BY ALL OF THE OWNERS AS TENANTS IN COMMON.

A BUILDING OR GROUP OF BUILDINGS, IN WHICH UNITS ARE OWNED INDIVIDUALLY, AND THE STRUCTURE, COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES ARE OWNED BY THE OWNERS ON A PROPORTIONAL UNDIVIDED BASIS.

g. Condominium Project - x x x

h. Condominium Unit - x x x

i. DEALER - SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON DIRECTLY ENGAGED AS PRINCIPAL IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING, SELLING OR EXCHANGING REAL ESTATE WHETHER ON FULL TIME OR PART-TIME BASIS. A BULK BUYER SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON WHO ACQUIRES A LOT OR A PORTION OF THE SUBDIVISION AND WHO, WITH OR WITHOUT RE-SUBDIVIDING OR INTRODUCING HOUSING OR OTHER FACILITIES, SELLS THE SAME, UNDER ITS PREVIOUS LICENSE TO SELL OR IN A NEW LICENSE TO SELL IN HIS NAME TO THE PUBLIC.

j. Decree - x x x

k. DWELLING UNIT – STRUCTURE DESIGNED OR USED AS RESIDENCE.

ONE OR MORE ROOMS THAT MAY BE USED AS A RESIDENCE EACH UNIT HAVING SLEEPING, COOKING AND TOILET FACILITIES

ONE OR MORE HABITABLE ROOMS DESIGNED OR INTENDED FOR USE BY 1 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS AS AN INDEPENDENT AND SEPARATE HOUSEKEEPING ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH SEPARATE KITCHEN AND SANITARY FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS, WITH A PRIVATE ENTRANCE FROM OUTSIDE THE BUILDING OR FROM A COMMON HALLWAY OR STAIRWAY INSIDE THE BUILDING.

DWELLING TYPES

1. SINGLE DETACHED - A DWELLING UNIT COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY YARDS.

2. SINGLE ATTACHED - A DWELLING UNIT WITH ONE SIDE ATTACHED TO A FIREWALL.

3. DUPLEX - A DWELLING UNIT CONTAINING 2 SEPARATE LIVING UNITS EACH OF WHICH IS SEPARATED FROM ANOTHER BY A FIREWALL AND PROVIDED WITH INDEPENDENT ACCESS.

4. ROWHOUSE - DWELLING UNITS CONTAINING 3 OR MORE LIVING UNITS DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ABUT EACH OTHER AND ARE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER BY A FIREWALL EACH UNIT PROVIDED WITH INDEPENDENT ACCESS.

l. FIREWALL - ANY WALL WHICH SUBDIVIDES A BUILDING SO AS TO RESIST THE SPREAD OF FIRE, BY STARTING AT THE FOUNDATION AND EXTENDING CONTINUOUSLY THROUGH ALL STOREYS TO, OR ABOVE THE ROOF. EXTENSION ABOVE THE ROOF IS 1 MILLIMETER.

m. FRONTAGE - THE SIDE OF A LOT WHICH ABUTTS A STREET.

n. LIVING UNIT - A DWELLING, OR PORTION THEREOF, PROVIDING COMPLETE LIVING FACILITIES FOR ONE FAMILY, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR LIVING, SLEEPING, COOKING, EATING, BATHING AND TOILET FACILITIES AND LAUNDRY FACILITIES, THE SAME AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.

o. LOT - A PORTION OF A SUBDIVISION OR ANY PARCEL OF LAND INTENDED AS A UNIT FOR TRANSFER OR OWNERSHIP FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

TYPES OF LOTS. - LOTS SHALL BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. CORNER LOT - A LOT SITUATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF TWO OR MORE STREETS.

2. REGULAR LOT - A LOT FRONTING ON ONE STREET AND THE REMAINING SIDES BOUNDED BY LOT LINES.

3. INTERIOR LOT - A LOT LOCATED AT THE INNER PORTION OF A BLOCK WITH A MINIMUM OF THREE-METER (3-M) WIDE ACCESS WHICH FORMS PART OF THE LOT.

4. THROUGH LOT - A LOT BOUNDED ON TWO OPPOSITE SIDES BY ROADS.

5. IRREGULAR LOT - ANY LOT WHICH IS NOT RECTANGLE NOR SQUARE-SHAPED.

p. MEDIUM COST HOUSING PROJECT - REFERS TO THE HOUSING PROJECT WHERE THE PRICE OF HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGE RANGES FROM ABOVE P500,000 TO P2 MILLION.

q. OPEN SPACE - SHALL REFER TO AN AREA RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, RECREATIONAL USES, SCHOOLS, ROADS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, HOSPITALS, HEALTH CENTERS, BARANGAY CENTERS AND OTHER SIMILAR FACILITIES AND AMENITIES.

r. OPEN MARKET - REFERS TO THE HOUSING PROJECT WHERE HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGE HAS A MINIMUM SELLING PRICE OF ABOVE P 2 MILLION.

s. Project - x x x

Section 19. Submission of Semestral Reports on Operations

Every owner or dealer of a registered subdivision or condominium project shall submit to the Board semi-annual reports on operations showing the SALES STATUS INDICATING THEREIN NAME OF BUYER, LOT/BLOCK NO., TCT NO., DATE OF PURCHASE, NAME OF MORTGAGEE, MODE OF ACQUISITION, extent/development STATUS, changes in corporate officers and their addresses within 60 days after the end of each semester. Copies of corporate reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission shall also be furnished to the Board

Section 20. Display of Certificate of Registration and License to Sell - x x x

Section 21. Lost or Destroyed Certificate of Registration or License - x x x

Section 22. Advertisement - ALL advertisements FOR THE sale of subdivision lots and condominium units shall be declared AND APPROVED BY the Board pursuant TO Section 19 of the decree.

Section 23. Time for Completion - EVERY OWNER OR DEVELOPER SHALL CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURES, OTHER FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY AND LIGHTING FACILITIES AND AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE OFFERED AND INDICATED IN THE APPROVED SUBDIVISION OR CONDOMINIUM PLANS, BROCHURES, PROSPECTUS, PRINTED MATTERS, LETTERS OR IN ANY FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT, WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR OR WITHIN SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD FROM THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE TO SELL FOR THE SUBDIVISION OR CONDOMINIUM PROJECT.

Request for extension of time . . . x x x . . . where non-completion of project is caused by fortuitous events, legal orders OR SUCH OTHER REASONS THAT THE BOARD MAY DEEM FIT/PROPER with the written notice to lot or unit buyers without prejudice to the exercise of their rights pursuant to Section 23 of the Decree.

The request for extension of time for completion shall be accompanied by a revised work program DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT with project costing and financing scheme therefor. In appropriate cases, Board may require the posting of additional performance bond AMOUNTING TO 20% of development cost OF THE UNFINISHED PORTION OF THE APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN, or issue such orders it may deem proper.

Section 24. Transfer of Ownership or Change of Name – x x x . . . The requirements in Sections 3 and 7 hereof shall be observed whenever applicable. x x x

Section 25. Alteration of Plans – x x x . . . ALTERATION OF CONDOMINIUM PLANS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 OF THE CONDOMINIUM ACT AS AMENDED BY SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF RA 7899.

Section 26. Non-forfeiture of Payments - x x x

Section 27. Registration of Conveyances - x x x

Section 28. Mortgages - x x x

Section 29. Realty Tax and Other Charges - x x x

Section 30. Complaints Against Owners, Developers, Dealers, Brokers and Salesmen- xxx

Section 31. Administrative Fines - Any owner or dealer who fails to register . . . x x x . . . shall be penalized IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED SCHEDULE OF FINES. x x x

Section 32. Criminal Penalties - x x x

Section 33. Identification of Lot Subject of Sale - x x x

Section 34. Broker/Salesman as Witness to Sales - x x x

Section 35. Fees. - The Board OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED shall collect fees IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF FEES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED.

Section 36. Applicability - These Rules shall apply only to residential subdivision and condominium projects as defined by the Decree and related laws.

Section 37. Separability Clause - x x x

Section 38. Effectivity - These Rules shall take effect immediately after its publication ONCE in any newspaper of general circulation.

NOTE: PROPOSED REVISIONS IN BOLD AND CAPITAL LETTERS

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. R.700
Series of 2001

AMENDING THE RULES AND STANDARDS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT BP 220

WHEREAS, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) is vested with rule-making and standard setting functions under Executive Order No. 648, s. of 1984 as amended by Executive Order No. 90, s. of 1986;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of BP 220 authorizes HLURB to establish and promulgate different levels of standards and technical requirements for the development of economic and socialized housing projects;

WHEREAS, the powers of HLURB to approve subdivision plans has been devolved to cities and municipalities pursuant to RA 7160, yet EO 71, series of 1993 stipulates that the exercise of such devolved powers shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and standards of PD 957 and other related laws as promulgated by HLURB;

WHEREAS, the signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between HLURB and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) recognizes the need to monitor the practice of licensed professionals in subdivision and condominium projects;

WHEREAS, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) issued Council Res. No. 01, Series of 2000, approving the definition of loan ceilings/limits of housing packages;

WHEREAS, the Board received clamor from the Regional Offices, private sectors, standards implementors and other stakeholders to review and re-examine the existing policies, rules, standards and procedures pertinent to the issuance of subdivision development permits and licenses;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to harmonize the policies, rules, standards and procedures with recent issuances;

WHEREFORE, be it, **RESOLVED** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations to implement BP 220, attached as Annex 1, be **APPROVED**.

APPROVED, this 20th day of August 2001, Quezon City.

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REVISED RULES AND STANDARDS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 220

RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF BP 220, THE HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE TWO LEVELS OF STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS/UNITS IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS FROM THOSE PROVIDED IN PD 957, PD 1216, PD 1096 AND PD 1185, HENCE THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE HEREBY PROMULGATED.

RULE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Scope of Application x x x...

Section 2. Declaration of Policies. x x x

RULE II
MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS

Section 3. Compliance with Standards and Guidelines. x x x

Section 4. Basis and Objectives of the Minimum Design Standards. x x x...

A. x x x

C. Location

BOTH ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN SUITABLE SITE FOR HOUSING AND OUTSIDE POTENTIAL HAZARD PRONE AND PROTECTION AREAS.

Section 5. Technical Guidelines and Standards for Subdivisions

In determining whether an economic and socialized housing shall be allowed, the following guidelines shall be considered:

A. SITE CRITERIA
   1. x x x
   4. ACCESSIBILITY
      THE SITE MUST BE SERVED BY A ROAD THAT IS READILY ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LINES. SAID ACCESS ROAD SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS SET HEREIN OF THESE RULES TO ACCOMMODATE EXPECTED DEMAND CAUSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA. IN NO CASE SHALL A SUBDIVISION PROJECT BE APPROVED WITHOUT NECESSARY ACCESS ROAD/RIGHT OF WAY CONSTRUCTED EITHER BY THE DEVELOPER OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

B. Planning Considerations
   1. x x x
   2. SITE PRESERVATION/ALTERATION
      a. x x x
      b. PRESERVATION OF SITE ASSETS
         SUITABLE TREES WITH A CALIPER DIAMETER OF 200 MILIMETERS OR MORE, SHRUBS AND DESIRABLE GROUND COVER SHALL BE PRESERVED. WHERE A GOOD QUALITY TOP SOIL EXISTS IN THE SITE, IT SHALL NOT BE REMOVED AND SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR FINISHING GRADES OF YARDS, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS AND GARDEN AREA.
      c. GROUND COVER
         GRASS, SHRUBS, PLANTS, AND OTHER LANDSCAPING MATERIALS USED FOR GROUND COVER SHALL BE OF VARIETY APPROPRIATE FOR ITS INTENDED USE AND LOCATION. THEY SHALL BE SO PLANTED AS TO ALLOW COMPLETE AND PERMANENT COVER OF THE AREA.
   3. Easements
      Subdivision projects shall observe and conform to the provisions of easements as may be required by:
      a. x x x
      1. OTHER RELATED LAWS
   4. Circulation x x x

C. Design Parameters
   1. Land Allocation
      a. Saleable AREAS. x x x
      b. Non-saleable AREAS. x x x
         b.1 Allocation of Area for Parks and Playgrounds
         x x x ... It shall be exclusive of those areas allocated for community facilities and shall vary according to the density of lots and/or DWELLING units in the subdivision, whichever is applicable, as shown below:

Table 1: Parks and Playgrounds Allocation

ECONOMIC HOUSING		SOCIALIZED HOUSING	
Density (No. Of Lots/Dwelling Unit Per Hectare)	Allocation (% Of Gross Area For Parks & Playgrounds)	Density (No. Of Lots/Dwelling Unit Per Hectare)	Allocation (% Of Gross Area For Parks & Playgrounds)
100 and below	3.5%	150 and below	3.5%
101 – 120	4%	151 – 160	4%
121 – 130	5%	161 – 175	5%
131 – 140	6%	176 – 200	6%
141 – 150	7%	201 – 225	7%
Above 150	9%	Above 225	9%

x x x

b.2 Area Allocated for Community Facilities

MANDATORY PROVISION OF AREA FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS WITH A GROSS AREA OF 1 HECTARE AND ABOVE. THESE AREAS ARE NON SALEABLE. HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPER MAY PROVIDE FOR AREAS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND CONVENIENCE/RETAIL CENTERS IN EXCESS OF THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THIS RULE WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED SALEABLE. THE USE OF THE SAID AREA SHALL BE INDICATED IN THE PLAN AND ANNOTATED IN THE TITLE THERETO. (Refer to Table 2)

Table 2
Required Facilities According to the Number of Saleable Lots/Dwelling Units for Subdivision Projects 1 Hectare and Above

No. of Saleable Lots and/or Dwelling Unit	Neighborhood Multi-Purpose Center*	Conventional/Retail Center**	Elementary School**	High School**	Tricycle Terminal**
10 & below	-	-	-	-	-
11 – 99	-	-	-	-	-
100 – 499	x	-	-	-	-
500 – 999	x	-	-	-	-
1000 – 1499	x	-	-	-	-
1500 – 1999	x	x	x	-	x
2000 – 2499	x	x	x	x	x
2500 – 3999	x	x	x	x	x

* Mandatory Provision

** Optional Saleable but when provided in plan the same shall be annotated in the title.

x x x . The area allocated for community facilities shall vary with the density of the subdivision, i.e., number of lots and/or living units whichever is applicable, as shown below

Table 3: Community Facilities Allocation

ECONOMIC HOUSING		SOCIALIZED HOUSING	
Density (No. Of Lots/Dwelling Units Per Hectare)	Allocation (% Of Gross Area For Community Facilities)	Density (No. Of Lots/Dwelling Units Per Hectare)	Allocation (% Of Gross Area For Community Facilities)
150 and below	1.0	150 and below	1.0
151 - 150	1.5	151 - 225	1.5
Above 150	2.0	Above 225	2.0

b.3 Circulation System x x x ..

b.3.1 HIERARCHY OF ROADS

Hierarchy of roads (with respect to function, dimensions and project area) shall be observed when planning the road network such that no major or minor road align with an alley or pathWALK.

Table 4: Hierarchy of Roads

PROJECT SIZE RANGE (HAS)	ECONOMIC HOUSING	SOCIALIZED HOUSING
2.5 has & below	major, minor, motor court, alley	major, minor, motor court, pathwalk
Above 2.5 – 5	- do -	- do -
Above 5 - 10	major, collector, minor, motor court, alley	- do -
Above 10 - 15	- do -	major, collector, minor, motor court, pathwalk
Above 15 – 30	- do -	- do -
Above 30	- do -	- do -

b.3.2 ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

THE CORRESPONDING RIGHT OF WAY FOR HIERARCHY OF ROADS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Table 5: Road Right-of-Way

PROJECT SIZE RANGE (Has)	RIGHT-OF-WAY (m)					
	ECONOMIC HOUSING			SOCIALIZED HOUSING		
	Major	Collector	Minor	Major	Collector	Minor
2.5 and below	8	-	6.5	8	-	6.5
Above 2.5 – 5.0	10	-	6.5	10	-	6.5
Above 5.0 – 10	10	8	6.5	10	-	6.5
Above 10 - 15	10	8	6.5	10	8	6.5
Above 15 – 30	12	8	6.5	10	8	6.5
Above 30	15	10	6.5	12	10	6.5

The minimum right-of-way of major roads SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEEDING TABLE. HOWEVER, IN CASES WHERE THE MAJOR ROAD WILL SERVE AS INTERCONNECTING ROAD, IT SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 10.0 METERS. It shall have a 15 centimeter mix gravel (pit run) basecourse on well compacted subgrade. Major roads shall maintain a uniform width of road right-of-way. Tapering of road width shall not be allowed WHERE THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY IS WIDER THAN THE PRESCRIBED STANDARD FOR THE INTERCONNECTING ROAD OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. Minor roads shall have a right of way of 6.50 meters wide. Interior subdivision project must secure right-of-way to the nearest public road and the right-of-way shall be designated as interconnecting road WITH A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 10.0 METERS. THIS FACT SHALL BE ANNOTATED ON THE TITLE OF SAID ROAD LOT AND MUST BE DONATED AND DEEMED TURNED OVER TO THE LGU UPON COMPLETION OF THE SAID INTERCONNECTING ROAD.

Subdivision projects ABUTTING to a main public road must provide sufficient setbacks (AT LEAST 3.0 METERS DEEP BY 5.0 METERS IN LENGTH) AT BOTH SIDES OF THE SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE to accommodate loading and unloading of passengers. x x x

ALLEY SHALL HAVE A WIDTH OF 3.0 METERS INTENDED TO BREAK A BLOCK AND TO SERVE BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES, BOTH ENDS CONNECTING TO STREETS. IT SHALL NOT BE USED AS ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY.

PATHWALK SHALL HAVE A WIDTH OF 3.0 METERS INTENDED TO BREAK A BLOCK TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PROPERTY OR ADJACENT STREET AND TO SERVE AS PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY. IT SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 60 METERS.

b.3.3 PLANTING STRIPS

PLANTING STRIPS AS REQUIRED UNDER PD 953 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES IN CERTAIN PLACES AND PENALIZING UNAUTHORIZED CUTTING, DESTRUCTION, DAMAGING AND INJURING OF CERTAIN TREES, PLANTS AND VEGETATION SHALL BE OBSERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

Table 6: Width of Planting Strips and Sidewalks
For Economic and Socialized Housing Projects

RIGHT-OF-WAY (m)	ECONOMIC HOUSING		SOCIALIZED HOUSING	
	Planting Strip (m)	Sidewalk (m)	Planting Strip (m)	Sidewalk (m)
15	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.2
12	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2
10	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2
8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6
6.5	OPTIONAL	0.5	OPTIONAL	0.5

NOTE: Refer to Supplemental Rules and Regulations to Implement PD 953 for specific tree species, Annex A

b.3.4 Road Pavement

MAJOR, MINOR ROADS AND MOTORCOURT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS SHALL BE PAVED WITH ASPHALT WITH MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 50 MILIMETERS OR CONCRETE WITH MINIMUM THICKNESS OF 150 MILIMETERS AND A MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 20.7 MPa AT 28 DAYS. SIDEWALK OR ALLEY SHALL BE OF MACADAM FINISH.

b.3.5 Road Intersection

ROADS SHOULD INTERSECT AT RIGHT ANGLES AS MUCH AS PRACTICABLE. MULTIPLE INTERSECTIONS ALONG MAJOR ROADS SHALL BE MINIMIZED. DISTANCE BETWEEN OFFSET INTERSECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 20 METERS FROM CORNER TO CORNER.

ROAD INTERSECTIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE CURB RADII CONSISTENT WITH SOUND ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES.

b.3.6 Road Grade/Slope

CROWN OF THE ROADS SHALL HAVE A SLOPE OF NOT LESS THAN 1.5 TO 9 PERCENT. GRADES AND VERTICAL CURBS SHALL CONFORM TO THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH).

2. Lot Requirement
   a. Lot Planning
      a.1 A lot shall be served by an independent access either by a road, motor court, or pathwalk. PATHWALK SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 60 METERS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY.
      a.6 x x x
   b. Minimum Lot Area
      THE MINIMUM LOT AREA OF VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Table 7. Minimum Lot Area

TYPES OF HOUSING	ECONOMIC (sqm)	SOCIALIZED (sq.m)
a. Single Detached	72	64
b. Duplex/Single Attached	54	48
c. Rowhouses	36	32

NOTE: 1. x x x
2. PRICE OF SALEABLE LOTS INTENDED FOR SINGLE DETACHED UNITS SHALL NOT EXCEED 40% OF THE MAXIMUM SELLING PRICE OF THE HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGE.

d. Lot Frontages
The MINIMUM lot frontages for VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING BOTH FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING projects shall be as follows:

Table 8: Minimum Lot Frontage

TYPES OF HOUSING/ LOT	FRONTAGE (m)
1. Single Detached	
a. Corner Lot	8
b. Regular Lot	8
c. Irregular Lot	4
d. Interior Lot	3
2. Duplex/Single Attached	6
3. Rowhouse	4

Note: For rowhouses there shall be a maximum of 20 units PER BLOCK OR CLUSTER but in no case shall this be more than 100 meters in length.

3. Length of Block
   Maximum block length is 400 meters. However, block length exceeding 250 meters, shall already be provided with A 3-METER PATHWALK OR ALLEY APPROXIMATELY AT MIDLENGTH.
4. Shelter Component
   a. Floor Area Requirement x x x..
   b. Minimum Level of Completion
      The minimum level of completion for economic housing shall be complete house BASED ON THE SUBMITTED SPECIFICATIONS. For socialized housing project, it shall be shell house WITH DOORS AND WINDOWS TO ENCLOSE THE UNIT. THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING UNITS SHALL CONSIDER FUTURE PROVISION FOR LOFT.
      PROVISION OF FIREWALL SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR DUPLEX AND SEMI ATTACHED UNITS AND AT EVERY UNIT FOR ROWHOUSES.
5. SETBACK/YARD
   The minimum setback of dwelling unit both for economic and socialized housing project shall be as follows:
   a. Front Setback 1.5 m.
   b. Side YARD 1.5 m. (FROM THE BUILDING LINE)
   c. Rear YARD 2.0 m.
   d. Abutments May be allowed per requirements of the National Bldg. Code of the Philippines
6. Water Supply
   x x x Water supply provided by the local water district shall be POTABLE AND ADEQUATE. IT SHALL BE complemented/supplemented by other sources. x x x
   x x x . . Minimum quantity requirement shall be 150 LITERS PER CAPITA PER DAY.
   Each subdivision must have at least an operational deepwell and pump sets with sufficient capacity to provide average daily demand (ADD) TO ALL HOMEOWNERS provided a spare pump and motor set is reserved. x x x
   For multi-storey building A WATER TANK SHALL BE PROVIDED IF THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING REQUIRES PRESSURE IN EXCESS OF THAT IN THE MAIN WATER LINE. Capacity should be 20% average daily demand plus fire reserve.
7. Electrical Power Supply x x x .
   PROVISION OF STREETLIGHTING PER POLE SHALL BE MANDATORY IF POLES ARE 50-METER DISTANCE AND AT EVERY OTHER POLE IF THE DISTANCE IS LESS THAN 50 METERS . x x x ..
   ELECTRIC BILLS SHALL BE PROPORTIONATELY SHOULDERED BY THE USERS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (COC) AND TURN OVER OF OPEN SPACE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU).
8. Sewage Disposal System. x x x..
9. Drainage System. x x x
   The minimum drainage system for economic AND SOCIALIZED housing shall be CONCRETE LINED CANAL WITH LOAD BEARING COVER.
   x x x IF APPLICABLE, UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE SYSTEM SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPES (RCP), CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES/INLETS AND CROSS DRAIN FOR EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE. MINIMUM DRAINAGE PIPE SHALL BE 300 MILIMETERS.
10. Garbage Disposal System. x x x ...
11. Fire Fighting. x x x

Section 6. Building Design Standards and Guidelines

Projects incorporating housing components shall comply with the following design standards and guidelines

A. Single Family Dwelling (Applicable for both Economic and Socialized Housing)
   1. Lot Planning
      a. Access to the Property
         Direct access to the single-family dwelling shall be provided by means of an abutting public street or pathWALK. However, pathwalk shall only be allowed as access to property for Socialized Housing projects. x x x

Table 10 : Private Open Space Requirements

Type of Lot	Percent of Open Space	
	Residential	All Others
a. Interior lot (lot located in the interior of a block made accessible from a public street or alley by means of a private access road)	50%	20%
b. Inside lot (non-corner or single-frontage lot)	30%	15%
a. Corner and/or through lot	10%	15%
b. Lots bounded on 3 or more sides by public open spaces such as streets, easement of seashores, rivers, esteros, etc	5%	5%

   2. Building Design Standards (Applicable for both Economic and Socialized Housing)
      a. Space Standards x x x
      b. Firewall. x x x A FIREWALL SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR DUPLEX/SINGLE ATTACHED UNITS AND AT EVERY UNIT FOR ROWHOUSES. x x x ...

B. Multi-Family Dwellings (Applicable for both Economic and Socialized Housing)
   1. Lot Planning
      a. Access to the property x x x..
      f. Open Space Requirements x x x ..
         1. Setbacks from the property line shall be maintained, the minimum of which shall be the following

Table 11: Minimum Setbacks per Storey

Kinds of Lot	Minimum Setback Requirement Per Storey										
	1&2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Interior Inside Corner/Through Lot abutting 3 or more streets, alleys, rivers, esteros, etc	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	44	47	50

      g. Parking Requirements
         For multi-family dwellings. THE PARKING REQUIREMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.
         OFF-SITE PARKING MAY BE ALLOWED IN ADDITION TO THE ON-SITE PARKING PROVIDED THAT DESIGNATED PARKING AREA IS PART OF THE PROJECT AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT IT SHALL NOT BE 100 METERS AWAY FROM THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT.
         Mandatory compliance with additional parking space required by local ordinances.
   2. Building Design Standards
      a. Living Units
         x x x FOR BP 220 CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS, THE MINIMUM FLOOR AREA SHALL BE 18 SQUARE METERS.
      b. Exits, Corridors, Exterior Exit Balconies and Common Stairways
         STANDARDS FOR EXITS, CORRIDORS, EXTERIOR EXIT BALCONIES AND COMMON STAIRWAYS SHALL CONFORM WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS WELL AS THE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES
      c. Utilities and Services x x x
         1. Water Supply
            Water supply shall be POTABLE AND adequate in amount ; ... x x x
         2. x x x
         5. Garbage Disposal System
            Adequate services for the regular collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL ORDINANCES.
         6. Elevator Requirements (If Applicable)
            PROVISION OF ELEVATORS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BLDG. CODE OF THE PHILS. x x x. .
   3. General Construction Requirements x x x..

Section 7. Variances/Exemptions x x x..

RULE III
SELLING PRICE

SECTION 8 . SELLING PRICE

THE MAXIMUM SELLING PRICE FOR HOUSE AND LOT PACKAGE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR ECONOMIC HOUSING PROJECT - P500,000
FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT - P180,000

AN APPROVED SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT SHALL NOT BE UPGRADED TO ANY OTHER TYPE OF HOUSING PROJECT.

RULE IV
APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS AND BUILDING DESIGNS

Section 9. Approval Required. x x x

Section 10. Approval of Proposed Residential Houses of Average and Low-Income Earners

Individual lot owners who are average and low-income earners as defined under BP 220 may construct their individual residential houses in the manner provided by these Rules, provided that:

1. The development approval is secured from Local Government Unit thru Sangguniang Bayan OR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD prior to their construction; and
2. x x x

Section 11. Application for Approval of Subdivision Development Plan

x x x by filing the following

A. For Optional Application for Preliminary SUBDIVISION Development Plan
   1. At least 2 sets of SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SCHEMATIC PLAN) AT A SCALE RANGING FROM 1:200 TO 1:2,000 SHOWING THE PROPOSED LAYOUT OF STREETS, LOTS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER FEATURES IN RELATION TO EXISTING CONDITIONS duly signed by any of THE FOLLOWING licensed PROFESSIONAL:
      a. AN ARCHITECT WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER OR
      b. A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER OR
      c. A GEODETIC ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER OR
      d. AN ARCHITECT OR A CIVIL ENGINEER OR GEODETIC ENGINEER AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER AS CO-SIGNATORY .
   2. A SET OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER.
      a. VICINITY MAP INDICATING THE ADJOINING LAND USES, ACCESS AS WELL AS EXISTING FACILITIES AND UTILITIES AT LEAST WITHIN 500 METERS FROM THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT, DRAWN TO ANY CONVENIENT SCALE.
      b. TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN TO INCLUDE EXISTING CONDITIONS AS FOLLOWS:
         (1) BOUNDARY LINES: BEARINGS AND DISTANCES OR GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES OF THE REFERENCE OR TIE POINT (REFERRED TO AS THE BLLM #).
         (2) STREETS, EASEMENTS, WIDTH AND ELEVATION OF RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE PROJECT AND ADJACENT SUBDIVISIONS/AREAS;
         (3) UTILITIES WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION PROJECT, LOCATION, SIZES AND INVERT ELEVATIONS OF SANITARY AND STORM OR COMBINED SEWERS, LOCATION OF GAS LINES, FIRE HYDRANTS, ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE POLES AND STREET LIGHTS. IF WATER MAINS AND SEWERS ARE NOT WITHIN/ADJACENT TO THE SUBDIVISION, INDICATE THE DIRECTION AND DISTANCE TO AND SIZE OF NEAREST ONE, SHOWING INVERT ELEVATIONS OF SEWERS, IF APPLICABLE.
         (4) GROUND ELEVATION OF THE SUBDIVISION: FOR GROUND THAT SLOPES LESS THAN 2%, INDICATE SPOT ELEVATIONS AT ALL BREAKS IN GRADE, ALONG ALL DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND AT SELECTED POINTS NOT MORE THAN 25 METERS APART IN ALL DIRECTIONS. FOR GROUND THAT SLOPES MORE THAN 2%, EITHER INDICATE CONTOURS WITH AN INTERVAL OF NOT MORE THAN 0.50 METER IF NECESSARY DUE TO IRREGULAR LAND OR NEED FOR MORE DETAILED PREPARATION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS.
         (5) WATER COURSES, MARSHES, ROCK AND WOODED AREAS, PRESENCE OF ALL PRESERVABLE TREES IN CALIPER DIAMETER OF 200 MILIMETERS, HOUSES, BARNS, SHACKS, AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES.
         (6) PROPOSED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: HIGHWAYS OR OTHER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION WITHIN/ADJACENT TO THE SUBDIVISION.
      c. SURVEY PLAN OF THE LOT(S) AS DESCRIBED IN TCT(S)
   3. AT LEAST 2 COPIES OF CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF TITLE(S) AND CURRENT TAX RECEIPTS
   4. RIGHT TO USE OR DEED OF SALE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ACCESS ROAD AND OTHER UTILITIES WHEN APPLICABLE, SUBJECT TO JUST COMPENSATION FOR PRIVATE LAND.

   Approval of the preliminary subdivision DEVELOPMENT plan will be valid only for a period of 180 days from date of approval

B. FOR APPLICATION FOR Subdivision DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
   1. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS SPECIFIED ON SECTION 1.A. OF THIS RULE.
   2. Subdivision DEVELOPMENT Plan consisting of the site development plan at any of the following scales, 1:200 1:1,000 , or any scale not exceeding 1:2,000, showing all proposals including the following:
      a. x x x
      c. Site data such as number of residential and saleable lots, typical lot size, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS and open spaces.

   THE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL BE DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PROFESSIONAL:
      A. AN ARCHITECT WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR
      B. A CIVIL ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR
      C. A GEODETIC ENGINEER WHO IS ALSO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, OR
      D. AN ARCHITECT OR A CIVIL ENGINEER OR A GEODETIC ENGINEER AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER AS CO-SIGNATORY
   3. A scheme for tree planting IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD RES. NO. R-532, S. 1993 AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, S. 1994 HERETO ATTACHED AS ANNEXES A & B.
   4. Civil AND SANITARY Works Design
      Engineering plans/construction drawings based on applicable engineering code and design criteria TO INCLUDE the following:
      a. At least 2 copies of road (geometric and structural) design/plan DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER.
         1. Profile DERIVED FROM EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC MAP SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER showing the vertical control, designed grade, curve elements and all information needed for construction
         2. Typical roadway sections showing relative dimensions of pavement SUB-BASE AND BASE PREPARATION, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, shoulders, benching and others
         3. x x x
      b. At least 2 copies of storm drainage and SANITARY sewer system DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED SANITARY ENGINEER OR CIVIL ENGINEER.
         1. Profile showing the hydraulic gradients and properties of SANITARY AND STORM DRAINAGE lines including structures in relation with the road grade line
         2. Details of SANITARY AND STORM drainage LINES and miscellaneous structures such as various types of manholes, catch basins, inlets (curb, gutter, and drop), culverts and channel linings
      c. At least 2 copies of site grading plan with finished contour lines superimposed on the existing ground the limits of earth work embankment slopes, cut slopes, surface drainage, drainage outfalls, and others DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER.
   5. AT LEAST two 2 copies of water system layout and details DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED SANITARY ENGINEER OR CIVIL ENGINEER. SHOULD A PUMP MOTOR HAVE A HORSEPOWER (HP) RATING OF 50 HP OR MORE, ITS PUMP RATING AND SPECIFICATIONS SHALL BE SIGNED AND SEALED BY A PROFESSIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEER.
   6. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF TAX DECLARATION COVERING THE PROPERT (IES) SUBJECT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEEDING.
   7. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DAR CONVERSION ORDER/EXEMPTION CLEARANCE , WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.
   8. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) OR CERTIFICATE OF NON COVERAGE (CNC), WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE , DULY ISSUED BY THE DENR,
   9. x x x
      a. x x x
      g. FOR NEW CORPORATIONS (3 YEARS AND BELOW) STATEMENT OF CAPITALIZATION AND SOURCES OF INCOME AND CASH FLOW TO SUPPORT WORK PROGRAM.
   10. PLANS SPECIFICATIONS, BILLS OF MATERIALS AND COST ESTIMATES DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY THE APPROPRIATE LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.
   11. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL FROM THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB).
   12. TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROJECTS 30 HECTARES AND ABOVE.
   13. LIST OF NAMES OF DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONALS WHO SIGNED THE PLANS AND OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATION FILED INDICATING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
      a. SURNAME;
      b. FIRST NAME;
      c. MIDDLE NAME;
      d. MAIDEN NAME, IN CASE OF MARRIED WOMEN PROFESSIONAL;
      e. PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER, DATE OF ISSUE AND EXPIRATION OF ITS VALIDITY, AND
      f. PROFESSIONAL TAX RECEIPT AND DATE OF ISSUE
      g. TAXPAYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)

IF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUBDIVISION PROJECT IS PHYSICALLY FEASIBLE AND DOES NOT RUN COUNTER TO THE APPROVED ZONING AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND THE PLAN COMPLIES WITH THESE RULES, THE SAME SHALL BE APPROVED AND A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED PROCESSING FEE.

A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SHALL ONLY BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE IF NO PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IS INTRODUCED.

THE OWNER OR DEVELOPER SHALL CAUSE THE NECESSARY SURVEYS OF THE PROJECT AND PREPARE THE SURVEY RETURNS WITH TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION AND COMPUTATIONS DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED GEODETIC ENGINEER TO BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED SUBDIVISION PLAN, TO THE LAND MANAGEMENT SECTOR (LMS) FOR VERIFICATION AND APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO SECTION 50 OF PD 1529 (PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE) AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF RA 8560 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Section 12. Evaluation of Land Development and Structural Design Components of Project

x x x .. IF THE DESIGN IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SETFORTH IN THESE RULES, THE DEVELOPER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REVISE THE SAME.

Section 13. Survey and Approval of Subdivision Plan

Upon the approval OF THE SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS, the developer shall SUBMIT the subdivision plan together with the parcellary map to the Land Management Sector for the conduct of verification survey and approval of the subdivision scheme.

RULE V
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS

Section 14. Application for Registration. x x x

A. COMMON REQUIREMENTS

Upon receipt of VERIFIED survey returns of subdivision plan from the Land Management Sector, the DEVELOPER SHALL CAUSE THE REGISTRATION OF THE PROJECT WITH THE BOARD BY SUBMITTING THE following documents:

1. x x x
2. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF transfer certificate of title (TCT) or original certificate of title (OCT) duly stamped with original marking "CERTIFIED TRUE COPY" by the proper Register of Deeds and bearing its seal or security marker
   2.1 WHEN PROJECT COVERS MORE THAN 20 INDIVIDUAL TITLES WITHOUT THE REQUIRED MARKS DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE SUBMITTED:
      2.1.1 PHOTOCOPY OF TCTS
      2.1.2 CERTIFICATION FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS CONCERNED WITH ITS SEAL OR SECURITY MARK GIVING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
         a. TCT OR OCT NUMBERS;
         b. NAME OF ALL REGISTERED OWNER(S) AND THEIR SHARING, IF ANY;
         c. AREA COVERED BY EACH TITLE,
         d. NUMBER OF OCT OR TCT FROM WHICH THE TITLE IS DERIVED,
         e. STATEMENT OF ALL UNCANCELLED LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY;
         f. LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS AS WELL AS PSD, PSU, PCS, NUMBER, ETC
   2.2 WHEN CERTIFIED COPY OF THE TCT WAS ISSUED MORE THAN ONE MONTH PRIOR TO APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (OR AFFIDAVIT OF THE OWNER THAT THE PROPERTY IS FREE FROM LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES. WHEN THE APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER, DEED FROM THE REGISTERED OWNER SHOWING CLEARLY THE AUTHORITY OF THE APPLICANT TO THE PROPERTY, ITS DEVELOPMENT AND SALE OF INDIVIDUAL LOTS OR UNITS; TO SIGN AND RECEIVE DOCUMENTS; AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITY. PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT IN CASE THE SUBDIVISION PROJECT OR PORTION THEREOF IS MORTGAGED, AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERTAKING TO SUBMIT TITLE, CERTIFICATION FROM THE MORTGAGEE REGARDING OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF LOAN AND AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE; MORTGAGE OF CONTRACT; AND AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERTAKING OF MORTGAGOR.
3. Duly audited balanced sheet (CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORIGINAL) ISSUED AND SIGNED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE APPLICANT AND UNDER THE LATTER'S AUTHORITY.
   3.1 WHEN INDIVIDUAL PERSONS INVOLVED AND NO BALANCE SHEET CAN BE SUBMITTED, INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR DULY RECEIVED BY BIR OFFICE AND TAX RECEIPTS EVIDENCING PAYMENT.
   3.2 WHEN APPLICANT IS A NEW CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR SINGLE PROPRIETORSHIP, i.e., NO FINANCIAL STATEMENT OR INCOME TAX RETURN HAS BEEN PREPARED YET, SWORN STATEMENT DECLARING:
      a. OTHER ASSETS OR SOURCES OF FUNDS AND OTHER RESOURCES;
      b. THE NATURE OF CONTROL OR OWNERSHIP OVER SUCH ASSETS, FUNDS OR RESOURCES;
      c. COMMITMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT, IF NECESSARY, THE SAME SHALL BE USED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.
4. Articles of incorporation (or of partnership or ASSOCIATION), AMENDMENTS THEREOF AND EXISTING BY-LAWS (OR ITS EQUIVALENT) CLEARLY INDICATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE TRADE PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SELLING OF LOTS OR UNITS. WHEN AN APPLICANT DEVIATES FROM THE INTENDED LINE OF BUSINESS STIPULATED IN ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (OR PARTNERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION), AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) AND/OR THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO ENGAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SELLING OF THE SUBJECT PROJECT.
5. A COPY OF ANY CIRCULAR, PROSPECTUS, BROCHURE, ADVERTISEMENT, OR COMMUNICATION USED/TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC OFFERING OF SUBJECT PROJECT AND FOR CIRCULATION UPON APPROVAL BY THIS BOARD.
6. SAMPLE COPY OF CONTRACT TO SELL TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC OFFERING OF LOTS, UNITS OR LOTS AND UNITS. WHEN AMENDMENTS SHALL BE AFFECTED ON THE FORM CONTRACT SUBMITTED FOR NOTIFICATION/APPROVAL BY HLURB, PRO-FORMA AFFIDAVIT SIGNIFYING WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE PROJECT NAME.
7. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)/CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE (CNC), WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, DULY ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR).
8. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF DAR CONVERSION ORDER/EXEMPTION CLEARANCE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.
9. ELECTRICAL PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS DULY SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND DULY APPROVED BY THE LOCAL FRANCHISE HOLDER AS APPROPRIATE.
10. PERMIT TO OPERATE A DEEPWELL AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION OF CONFIRMED WATER RESISTIVITY TEST FROM THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB). WATER POTABILITY TEST RESULTS FROM CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
   1. FOR CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS:
      a. MASTER DEEDS WITH DECLARATION OF REGISTRATION AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS EVIDENCED BY THE PROPER ANNOTATIONS THEREOF IN THE TITLE(S) OF THE PROPERTY AND THE CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF SUCH TITLE(S) FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS
      b. BUILDING PERMIT
   2. FOR SUBDIVISION PROJECTS:
      a. TWO COPIES OF VERIFIED SURVEY RETURNS WITH LABEL FOR ALL NON-SALEABLE AREAS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ROADS AND EASEMENTS,
      b. COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN CASE THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) PURSUANT TO THE 1991 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND RELATED ISSUANCE:
         b.1 Sangguniang Resolution/Ordinance granting of development permit/subdivision development plan CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
            1. FULL NAME OF THE GRANTEE OR PERMITTEE AND HIS ADDRESS;
            2. COMPLETE PROJECT NAME AND ITS LOCATION;
            3. DATE OF THE RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE;
            4. PROJECT AREA;
            5. FULL LISTING OF TITLE(S) COVERING THE PROJECT;
            6. LEGAL BASIS OF THE APPROVAL (PD 957, BP 220, EO 648 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS).
         b.2 CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION CONFERRING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO ISSUE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IN CASES WHERE THE SAME WAS NOT GRANTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PAMBAYAN/PANGLUNSOD. EVIDENCES OF APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE SUBDIVISION SCHEME MUST BE ANY ORIGINAL COPY OR ONE CERTIFIED AS TRUE COPY THEREOF BY THE AUTHORIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, INDICATING CLEARLY HIS FULL NAME AND POSITION AND THE DATE OF APPROVAL. IT MUST CONTAIN THE SAME DATA AS ABOVE DESCRIBED. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IT MUST BEAR AN INDICATION OF SANGGUNIANG APPROVAL SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO WORDS LIKE, "APPROVED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIAN" OR OTHERS OF SIMILAR IMPORT, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNSOD HAS PROPERLY ISSUED SUCH AUTHORITY.
         b.3 Proof of compliance to Section 18 of RA 7279 (for BP 220 project whose selling price is above the maximum selling price of socialized housing project) IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MANNER.
            1. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT OF SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS WITHIN THE MAIN SUBDIVISION.
            2. LICENSE TO SELL OF SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT OFFERED AS COMPLIANCE IF LOCATION OF COMPLIANCE IS NOT WITHIN THE MAIN SUBDIVISION PROJECT.
            3. JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH LGU OR OTHER HOUSING AGENCIES.
            4. CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF BOND ISSUED BY THE LGU WHERE THE MAIN PROJECT IS LOCATED OR BY ANY OF THE HOUSING AGENCIES
         b.4 A SET OF SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT PLAN
      c. PROJECT STUDY
      d. COPY OF BROCHURES AND OTHER FORMS OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

Section 15. Application for License to Sell

THE OWNER OR THE REAL ESTATE DEALER INTERESTED IN THE SALE OF LOTS OR UNITS IN A SUBDIVISION OR CONDOMINIUM PROJECT SHALL APPLY WITH THE BOARD A LICENSE TO SELL BY SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING:

a. PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT (BAR CHART WITH S-CURVE, GANTT CHART/PERT-CPM, ETC.) SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT INDICATING WORK ACTIVITIES, DURATION AND COSTING.
b. AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERTAKING TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING:
   b.1 SEGREGATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL TITLES FOR ALL LOTS OR UNITS WITHIN THE PROJECT;
   b.2 SUBMISSION OF PROOF THAT TITLES TO THE SALEABLE LOTS OR UNITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, WHICH PROOF MAY INCLUDE A CERTIFICATION FROM CONCERNED REGISTER OF DEEDS INDICATING THE LOTS/BLOCKS OR UNITS OR DATA SIMILAR TO THOSE REQUIRED UNDER THE REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ONLY WHEN REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.
   b.3 SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF TITLE OF THE COMMON AREAS/OPEN SPACE, WHICH TITLE SHALL EXPRESSLY INDICATE THE KIND OF COMMON USE APPROVED THEREFOR, ON OR BEFORE A DEFINITE DATE (TO BE SPECIFIED BY APPLICANT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD)
c. DULY ACCOMPLISHED AND NOTARIZED FACT SHEET

Section 16. Notice of Publication

Upon evaluation of the completeness and veracity of the documents submitted, the BOARD shall cause the publication at the expense of the applicant a Notice on Application for CERTIFICATE OF Registration and License to Sell in one newspaper of general circulation in English or in Pilipino. x x x

Section 17. Certificate of Registration. x x x .

Section 18. License to Sell

No owner or developer shall sell any disposable subdivision lot or condominium unit in a registered property without a license to sell issued by the Board AT LEAST 2 WEEKS FROM REGISTRATION OF SUCH PROJECT.

UPON PROPER APPLICATION THEREFOR, SUBMISSION OF THE REQUIRED WORK PROGRAM, performance bond in the form of surety bond in the amount of 10% of the total estimated development cost of the project issued by a duly accredited bonding company and acceptable to the Board, or a certificate of guarantee from any bank or financing institution of good standing addressed to the Board for the total development cost AND PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED LICENSE FEE BY THE OWNER OR DEALER, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO SELL THE LOT OR UNIT IN THE PROJECT OR PORTION THEREOF COVERED BY THE PERFORMANCE BOND, PROVIDED THAT THE SUBMITTED REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS CAN ESTABLISH THAT THE PROPOSED SALE OF THE SUBDIVISION LOT OR CONDOMINIUM UNIT TO THE PUBLIC IS NOT FRAUDULENT.

Section 19. Monitoring of Project

The Board shall have the power to monitor projects granted DEVELOPMENT Approval and License to Sell under these Rules to ensure faithful compliance with the terms, standards and conditions thereof. x x x ...

RULE VII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 20. Definition of Terms

As used in this rules the following words and phrases are defined and understood to have the meaning correspondingly indicated therein

a. Alley – a public way WITH A WIDTH OF 3.0 meters intended to break a block and to serve both pedestrian and for emergency purposes, both ends connecting to streets. IT SHALL NOT BE USED AS ACCESS TO PROPERTY.
d. Cluster Housing - single-family detached dwelling UNIT containing three or more separate living units grouped closely together to form relatively compact structures.
f. Dwelling - x x x
   1. Dwelling Types
      Rowhouse - x x x There shall be a maximum of 20 units PER BLOCK OR CLUSTER but in no case shall this be beyond 100 meters in length
      SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING – SHALL MEAN SINGLE FAMILY PER LOT
   2. Level of Completion
      Shell HOUSE - x x x
g. Economic Housing - a type of housing project provided to AVERAGE INCOME FAMILIES.
s. Pathwalk – a public way intended to break a block and to serve pedestrian and to provide access to adjacent street or property FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS. IT SHALL HAVE A RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 3.0 METERS AND A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 60 METERS.
t. Parks/Playgrounds - x x x
u. Socialized Housing - REFERS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS COVERING HOUSES AND LOTS AND HOMELOTS ONLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE SITES AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT, LONG TERM FINANCING, LIBERALIZED TERMS ON INTEREST PAYMENTS, AND SUCH OTHER BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RA 7279 OR THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992.

Section 21. Conformance to the Requirements of Other Pertinent Laws, Rules and Regulations

Unless otherwise amended or expressly provided, the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 957 and its Implementing Rules on the following Sections are hereby adopted in these Rules.

a APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS
g REGISTRATION OF REAL ESTATE DEALERS, BROKERS AND SALESMEN
h TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CHANGE OF NAME
m COMPLAINTS AGAINST OWNERS, DEVELOPERS, DEALERS, BROKERS, SALESMEN
n ADMINISTRATIVE FINES
o. CRIMINAL PENALTIES
p FEES
q IDENTIFICATION OF LOT SUBJECT OF SALE
r. BROKER/SALESMEN AS WITNESS TO SALES
u. CONVERSION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

Section 22. Non-Development x x x

Section 23. Organization and Registration of Homeowners x x x..

Section 24. Donation of Roads, Open Spaces and Water Supply x x x

Section 25. Separability Clause x x x

Section 26. Effectivity

THESE RULES SHALL TAKE EFFECT THIRTY DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION, ONCE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

NOTE: Proposed revisions in bold & capital letters and numbers.

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Pre-bidding Conference will be held on 24 April 2002 at 1:00 PM, MIS Conference Room, 5th Floor, DTI Building, 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY DEFECT THEREIN.

(Sgd.) **JESUS L. MOTOOMULL**
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The PNOC Coal Corporation (PCC) invites prequalified accredited contractors to submit sealed bids for the:

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Bid documents may be secured from the Administrative Department (c/o Mr. George N. Alejandro/ Gilda F. Capistrano) starting **April 24, 2002** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS: Five Hundred (P 500.00).

Sealed bids in two (2) sets shall be received by the Administrative Department not later than **2:00 o'clock P.M. of May 17, 2002 and then publicly opened at 2:30 P.M.** of the same date at the above address.

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **May 08, 2002, 2:00 P.M.** at the PNOC-CC Conference Room, Building 2, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

PCC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, or to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to PCC.

(Sgd.) **Cristina B. Berin**
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We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all those who condoled with the family of the late

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who peacefully joined his Creator on April 12, 2002.

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Peacefully joined our Lord on 19 April 2002
at the age of 75.

His loving wife **Estela Robles Marcelo**; children **Honey** and **Carmeling (Sincioco)**, **Luz** and **Jun Fabic**, **Chie** and **Ipan Hermosisima**, **Mon** and **Eilleen (Bautista)** and **Pinky** and **Toya (Rojales)**; grandchildren **JC** and **JL Kliatchko**, **Joshua Rojales**, **Ivan Fabic**, **Jordan Rojales**, **Rosanna Kliatchko**, **Chrissie Hermosisima**, **Joseph Kliatchko**, **Nikki Fabic**, **Raymond Kliatchko**, **Benjo Fabic** and **Markie Hermosisima**; his brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and other relatives request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Family Residence at San Agustin, Malolos, Bulacan.

Interment will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Malolos Memorial Park after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Barasoain Church.

Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

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in the next life.

His brothers and sisters
Thelma and **Herminio Gutierrez**,
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Rev. Father Andy, OSB,
nephews and nieces request
your prayers for the eternal
repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at
Mt. Carmel Church, Broadway, Quezon City.
Fr. Andy, OSB will celebrate a
Requiem Mass every evening
at 10:00 (Saturday and Sunday)
at 8:00 (Monday to Wednesday).
The Funeral Mass will be celebrated
at Mt. Carmel Church
at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 25, 2002,
after which the body will be
taken for cremation.

"My soul finds rest to God alone, from Him comes my Salvation."
Psalms 62:2

Our Dearly Beloved Mama

LORENZA (Luring) GOMEZ DACANAY

of San Jose City (Nueva Ecija) and Mandaluyong City
(Widow of the late **Marcelino P. Dacanay, Sr.**)

Has serenely joined the Lord in His Kingdom on April 19, 2002 at the age of 84.

Her loving children **Lelen & Ber**, **Boying**, **Edna**, **Junior**, **Efren & Betty**, **Edgar & Cecile**, and **Edmon & Lilet**; sister **Pate**; and brother **Polo**; grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Inc., Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina will be on April 24, 2002 after the 8:30 AM Mass at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Inc.

Message of Thanks

Our family deeply appreciates all your kind thoughts and prayers during our time of loss

OFELIA DIMAYUGA ANDAL

of Manhasset, New York and Lipa City, Batangas
peacefully joined her Creator on March 3, 2002

Beloved wife of **ALFREDO P. ANDAL, JR.**, loving mother of **JOY**, **TERRI** and **PAUL CRACO**, **KATHY** and **MICHAEL SCHMITZ**, cherished grandmother of **SOPHIA** and daughter-in-law of **JOSEFINA M. PEREZ-ANDAL**, sister of Sofia, Mamerto, Adele, Joe and **Victor**, thoughtful sister/brother-in-law of **Teresita** and **Kit del Rosario**, **Joe** and **Linda Andal**, **Lulu** and **Rusty de los Angeles**, and **Biboc** and **Laura Andal**.

She was entombed at the Holy Rood Cemetery, New York last March 7, 2002.

We
the Children & Family
of the late

Rosario Dimayuga Katigbak

who joined her Creator
on April 12, 2002

Sincerely convey our heartfelt
gratitude to all those who in countless and
immeasurable ways condoled
and comforted us in our moment
of grief.

May the good Lord shower his
blessing on you all.

A Message of Thanks

Our Sincerest Gratitude from the
Family of the late

PEDRO A. INTERIOR

who joined his Creator on April 8, 2002
at the age of 87.

Wife **Atanacia**;
children **Fred**, **Aida**, **Tess**, **Juliet & Boy**,
his brothers and sister,
grandchildren and relatives.

She's on Her Way Home

FATIMA BANGUIS BERNARDO

(January 10, 1948 - April 15, 2002)

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JESS and **BENNET BANGUIS**,
children **ANGEL** and **RAY TORRES**,
DENNIS, **CATHERINE JOY** and **KARLA**
BERNARDO, all the Banguis and
Bernardo families as she meets our Lord
who has been waiting for her.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

LEVI CELERIO

who passed away on 2 April 2002

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONCEPCION C. HAUTEA** had been the subject of a deed of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate among Heirs under Doc. No. 350, Page 70, Book No. II, Seires of 2002 in the Notarial Registry of Atty. Wendell E. Coronel of Makati City.
(PDI-April 7, 14 & 21, 2002)

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

O Divine Child of Prague, & still the great omnipotent God. I implore thru Thy Most Holy Mother's most powerful intercession & thru the boundless mercy of Thy omnipotence as God for a favorable answer to the intention I so earnestly ask for in this Novena. O Divine Child of Prague, hear my prayer & grant my petition. O Jesus, Who hast said: "Ask & you shall receive, seek & you shall find, knock & it shall be opened to you," thru the intercession of Mary, Thy most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. O Jesus, Who hast said: "All that you ask of the Father in my Name, He will grant you," thru the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly & urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name that my prayer be granted. O Jesus, Who hast said: "Heaven & Earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass," thru the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. JCL

PUERTO AZUL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
Ternate, Cavite

Notice of Annual Member's Meeting

Notice is hereby given that **PUERTO AZUL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** shall hold its Annual Members Meeting on **April 27, 2002** (Saturday) at Puerto Azul, Ternate, Cavite at 3:00 p.m.

Atty. HERMINIO F. VALERIO
Corporate Secretary

(PDI - April 21, 2002)

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3.	3	pieces	Current Transformer, Type IMB 72, 69 kV. BIL 350 kV, 150/300/5 Amps. 25 KV, 60 Hz, ANSI 03 B2 0 (includes Terminal Connector to fit 336.4 ACSR Conductor)
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9.	1	assy.	Panel Board for Primary and Secondary Relays

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a. Letter of Intent
b. Original of supplier's License/Accreditation
c. Certificate of Registration and Classification
d. Business Permit
e. SEC Registration
f. Copy of the latest Financial Statement and latest Income Tax Return
g. Company Profile

Bidding documents, technical specification shall be issued to pre-qualified bidders upon payment of non-refundable fee of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00). Opening of bids will be on **May 8, 2002**. Time and venue will be discussed during the Pre-Bid Conference. Sealed offers must be accompanied by a bid bond equivalent to 5% of the total bid offered.

LEYECO II reserves the right to reject any or all, to waive any formality thereof and to accept only such bid are advantageous to the cooperative. The decision of the cooperative is final and binding.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. VICENTE C. MAJADILLAS, JR.**
PBAC Chairman

(PDI - April 21, 2002)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
Pambansang Korporasyon Sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

AD NO. PD 2002-12

E-Bidding Date : May 20, 2002 - 2:00 PM (E-bidding Room)
Pre-bid Conference : May 13, 2002 - 2:00 PM (Sampaguita Room)

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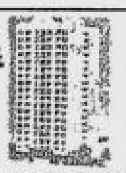

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AS she walks toward her train, he starts playing for her . . .

SUBWAY Symphony

By Alexis L. Loinaz
Contributor

NEW YORK—At the Herald Square subway station in Manhattan, a mysterious sound floats above the din of passing trains and chatting commuters. Striking and sublime, it stands out like a soloist amid a symphony of subway noises.

It is the melancholy strains of a violin. A light staccato. A tender largo. A furious fortissimo. At once temperamental and soothing, it beckons to those on the platform, drawing them closer and seducing them in the same way the Pied Piper seduced the children of Hamelin.

Toward the edge of the platform, a man in black stands, his body upright as he plays his violin. His fingers caress the strings in a fervent, almost erotic way, and his bow leaps off the violin like a ballet dancer doing a graceful tour jeté.

For over 20 years, on New York City's streets and in its subways, James Graseck has captivated itinerant audiences. Instead of sopranos, he is serenaded by the screeching of brakes. In lieu of drums, he is accompanied by the rumbling of passing trains. And his percussion consists of the beeping sounds of closing train doors.

Still, this doesn't seem to bother his appreciative audience. Between the roar of trains, they watch in silence. One woman waves her hands to the beat like an orchestra conductor would. One man closes his eyes and loses himself in the melody. Another woman smiles as she leans against a large subway map.

Some choose the best seats in the house—the subway bench in the middle of the platform—and watch Graseck as though they were sitting in thousand-dollar orchestra seats at Carnegie Hall. Others hover by the railing of a nearby staircase, looking like spectators in the balcony. The rest gather around, craning their necks to catch a glimpse of the maestro. In this subway station cum concert hall, you can be sure of one thing: Graseck will always play to a standing-room audience.

"I need to play the violin," the 47-year-old musician says, a slight lisp in his speech.

Tall, lanky and boyish, Graseck looks like a cross between Keith Carradine and Shaun

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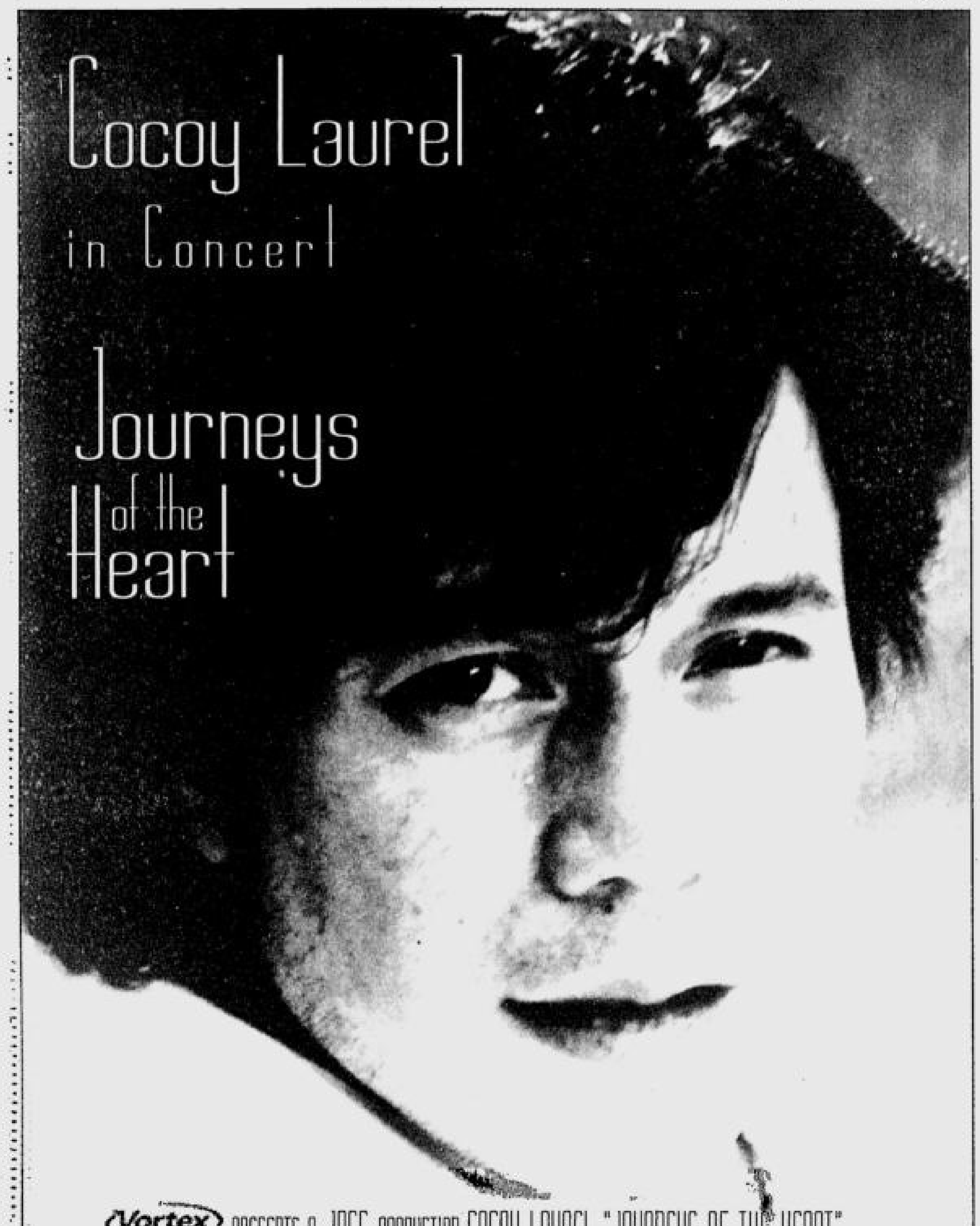

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Readers complain about bank/ condominium fees and more

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

"PLEASE call the attention of your readers about some banks' anomalous practice of shaving interests, or arbitrarily deducting from the interests earned by a depositor, by at least 1 centavo," Ed Sibal <e_sibal@hotmail.com> wrote to us.

He complained: "When I computed the interests I should have earned for my time deposit, I found out that 1 centavo was being deducted from the interests since the first time I made my placement. I complained to the bank and was told that it was a computer-generated computation. When I asked someone from the bank's audit department to compute my interest earnings manually, she confirmed that there was a difference between computer-generated computation and manual procedure. Computers automatically rounded off figures (deducted 1 centavo, at least) to the disadvantage of depositor. However, if it is done manually, the figures are rounded off (by adding on interest) to the advantage of depositor." (This has something to do with rounding off figures after the decimal point.)

Sibal further wrote: "If depositors detect shaving on interest, they should tell the bank to refund every lost interest plus compounded interest on the amount that was shaved from their account."

Bank certification fee

Why do banks charge exorbitant fees for services that should otherwise be free in the name of customer service and goodwill? They don't only charge between P50-100 for lost passbook, bank-to-bank transactions, but they also ask customers to pay P100-200 for issuing official certification of deposit.

These are the bank's obligations to its customers, so why charge a service fee? Here are some of the fees banks slap on customers who request for official certification of deposit: Citibank, P100; China Bank Co, P200; RCBC, P200; Union Bank P100; Security Bank, P100.

We consulted the commercial banks division of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas about these concerns. The representative advised depositors to send their complaints directly to the president of the concerned bank, and copy-furnish BSP governor Rafael Buenaventura and BSP deputy governor Alberto V. Reyes. In our experience, complainants can expect faster action when letters are sent directly to top officials. Send letters to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, BSP Building, Vito Cruz, Manila.

Woes of condo resident

Not too long ago, apartment dwellers only paid in addition to monthly unit rental, fees for security and garbage disposal. Nowadays, the monthly dues are threefold, and possibly more, particularly for condominium unit occupants, as a unit owner of One Burgundy Plaza, Loyola Heights, complained.

"Aside from the annual real estate tax (RET) we pay city hall, we have to settle monthly dues supposedly for upkeep of lobby, basement and other services like janitorial and security. Dues are computed at P30 per square meter plus P15 per sq m of parking slot. But since the condo association hired a management team, we are being charged additional special RET assessment fees on building improvement, retroactive to the day we first occupied our unit. They say it is for the use of elevators, generator sets, fire exits, etc. We thought that was included in the monthly dues collected from us. Can we refuse payment of this new assessment? Is there a provision in the condominium law that justifies the management's arbitrary imposition of such assessment fees?"

Lawyer Gina Antonio of the legal division of Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board advised the condo resident to write a letter of complaint to director Jess Obligacion, regional officer of HLURB, Kalayaan Avenue, QC. For inquiries on legal matters, address letters to Commissioner Francisco Dagñalan, Commission for Legal Affairs, HLURB.

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Calling the attention of the Manila Water Company Inc. manager of Cubao branch to the long-standing complaint of customer Herminia G. Magto, resident of 125 20th Ave., QC.

Magto wrote: "Only four out of all the

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The Berlitz edge

WHEN President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo graced the formal opening of the new Berlitz Language Center on Makati Avenue, Makati City recently, she was given the pencil exercise in Mandarin—*bĭ, zhĭ, shu*. This exercise is the center's very first lesson for neophytes in the language of their choice. If Ms Arroyo would have the time and the inclination to continue with the Mandarin language studies at Berlitz, she would have been able, after a surprisingly short period of intensive studies, to conduct trade talks with the Chinese premier in Mandarin. And gotten the goods.

Berlitz schools are found in nine Asian countries, including 22 in Japan and four in China. The Berlitz Language Center in Makati is the first in the country where international communities are increasingly growing in the business and cultural sectors.

One could not stress enough the importance of a school that can teach you in the shortest possible time to speak a language that will allow you to converse with the people in the country of your mission, assignment employment or new residence.

And how does Berlitz do this? It's as easy as saying pencil, paper, notebook in the language you want to learn and picking it up with the facility of a baby learning its first language. In short, if you're learning French, you will be hearing nothing but French from your teacher, as if that's the only language he speaks.

This method of instruction has helped millions of people in their personal and professional lives. It was started by Maximillian Delphinus Berlitz, a German fluent in a dozen languages, including all the major Romance languages and several Scandinavian and Slavic languages. He arrived in the United States in 1870 and settled in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island, where he gained reputation as a language instructor.

He actually discovered this unique instructional method by chance. He needed a French teacher to do special coaching for slow students in his French class. He got a young Frenchman from Lyons, named Nicholas Joly, who had a degree in literature but was working as an elevator operator. He spoke no English at all, other than words like "up" and "down" and numbers one to eight. Since Berlitz was very ill and desperate for a French teacher, instead of sending Joly home, Berlitz instructed him to try pointing at objects in the classroom, to name and describe them and to act verbs as best as he could. He told him to try to involve the students as much as possible by having them repeat and answer simple questions. When Berlitz returned to work several weeks later he found not a disaster but a smashing success.

Direct and natural method

The Berlitz "direct" and "natural" method of instruction has not essentially changed since then. It is based on a simple premise: the best way to learn a language is the way you learned your first language—through conversation. Berlitz's genius lie in expanding and elaborating upon this concept, developing an array of materials that embody it and then creating an organization that would deliver this new language approach.

Some 450 Berlitz schools are now found in 60 countries throughout the world, and its method remains uniquely its own, although other schools would try to adopt it. Renato Constantino Jr., chair of Berlitz Phils., puts it succinctly: "It's hard to replicate 124 years of experience." Berlitz, he adds, has the unique advantage of a worldwide backup system, an international pool of teachers and a wealth of supplementary materials. Berlitz also boasts of cross-cultural training for its students that aims to acclimatize them to their new country of residence or operation.

Berlitz also has links to Harvard and Princeton. "If you are a Berlitz certified graduate," explains Constantino, "your Berlitz units in any language will be credited in these schools."

Tailor-made for one's needs

The beauty of the Berlitz school is that they can create a program according to one's specific needs, says Marika Constantino-Garcia, Language Center director and general manager. "Our students have a wide range of reasons for learning a new language. Expats wanting to speak Filipino in order to understand the people around them. Businessmen dealing within or without the country and wanting to learn business Mandarin, Japanese or German English teachers in Makati wanting to be more fluent in the language in order to teach their students better in that language. And even newly married women wanting to immediately get along with their in-laws in Japan or Madrid. We can customize a program to fit one's needs, budget and time constraints."

Berlitz Language Center is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Students are required to take a minimum of two units per session (one unit is 40 minutes). Normally, a private student in English, for instance, can complete one level in 30 units, a semiprivate group of two or three people in 40 units and a group of six in 50 units.

"After level 4," says Garcia, "you will have an active knowledge of 1,200 words and passive knowledge of 2,000 words. Meaning, you can speak the language well enough and, as they say, they can't sell you down the river. The highest proficiency level at Berlitz is when you can discuss in abstract, theoretical terms in the language."

Berlitz Language Center is located at 2/F Peninsula Court Building, 8735 Paseo de Roxas corner Makati Ave., Makati City, tels. 817-9319 and 813-2231.

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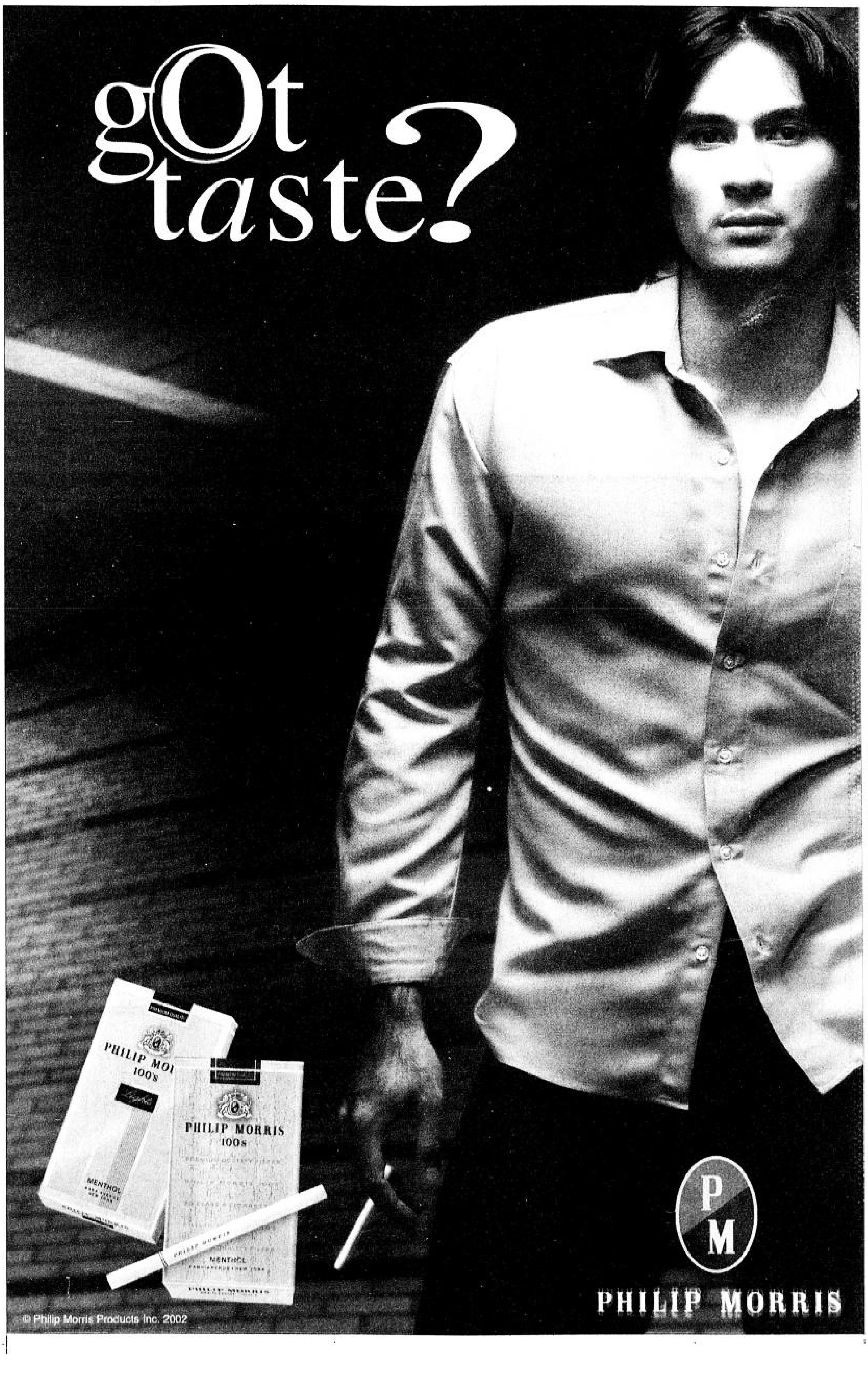

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SUBWAY Symphony

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Cassidy, his long brown hair flopping down on his forehead, his laughter coming in generous spurts.

"A good part of my enjoyment in living has come from playing in this way. When I've played and I've done my best and I see people and I've made a living, I feel like I've somehow been raised. That is what keeps me playing in the subways."

A JUILLIARD graduate, Graseck plays his violin on New York's streets and subways. For 20 years, he played at the station under the World Trade Center.

Magic moment

A classically trained violinist, Graseck graduated from Juilliard in 1976 with a master's degree in music. But he'd already been a habitué of New York City's streets way before that. In the late 1960s, a friend suggested he try playing in public just for the fun of it. So Graseck grabbed his violin, headed on down to the Long Island Railroad concourse, popped open his case and started playing Mendelssohn's Concerto.

"I thought it was a lowly thing to do," he recalls. "I gave it a try and I played and people started congregating. And I really felt high."

Still, Graseck didn't think he could earn a decent living playing in public spaces, so he taught the violin at the Manhattan School of Music in the late 1970s. After a brief sojourn in Columbus, Ga. where he taught at a local college, Graseck decided to return to New York City in 1981 and brought his music underground. This time, his concert hall was the subway station below 5th Avenue and 53rd Street.

"I decided, 'I'm going to go downstairs and see what it's like in the subways,'" he remembers. "And when I got down there, there were rows of people waiting for their delayed train. And I took my violin out and played it a little lightly, just to shock them."

Graseck played Mozart's Concerto No. 4. "People started to throw money... it was a good first impression. And then suddenly you get that moment. I call it the magic moment, where something gels and people suddenly look and the subway becomes a concert hall."

Since then, he has graduated to more prestigious venues. Graseck had his solo debut recital at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center in 1977, and he revisited that site in 1990 with a second concert. This time, he paid the $5,000 rental fee out of his own pocket. Or rather, out of his violin case: Graseck used the donations he had saved from his many subway performances. He also gave a solo concert at Carnegie Hall in 1993.

Over the years, Graseck—who has never had an agent—has played with orchestras in concert halls and on national radio. Although his pieces are mostly classical, he also plays contemporary songs by the Beatles and Beach Boys with a string quartet called Synergy. Occasionally, he performs with another group known as the Bridge Trio, which includes a pianist and a cellist.

Still, the subway provides him with a different kind of escape. "What the subway has done for me is free me to some extent from thinking, 'Oh, I have to get everything perfect in order for them to appreciate it.' You can do it that way, too, in a concert hall. But I don't play enough concerts to feel as comfortable. So the street has given me the joy of freedom to play."

Cat-and-mouse game

These days, Graseck doesn't take that freedom for granted. Until the mid-1980s, it was illegal to perform in subway stations, and he was constantly playing a cat-and-mouse game with the cops. He recalls a time when they finally caught with him.

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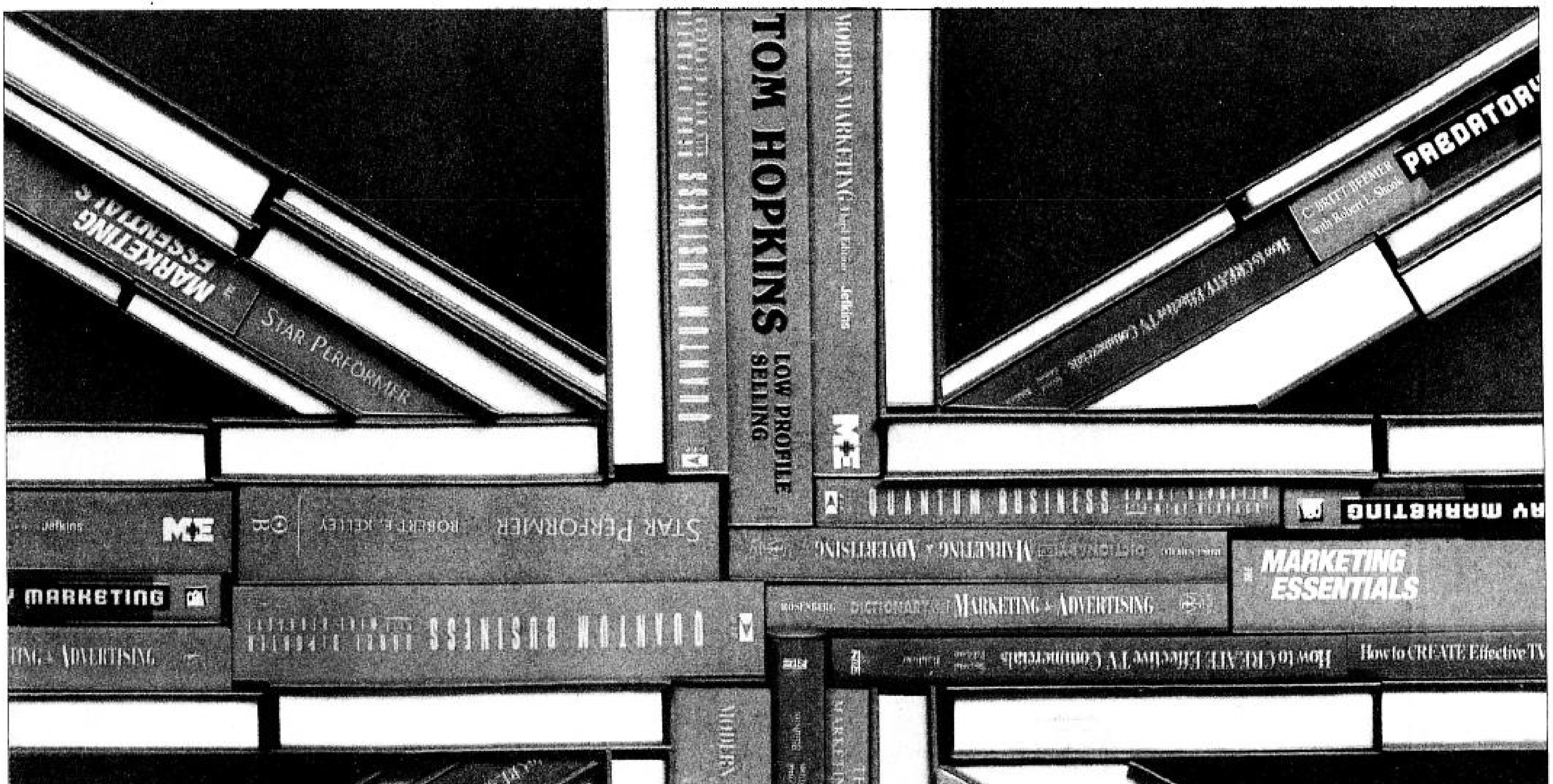
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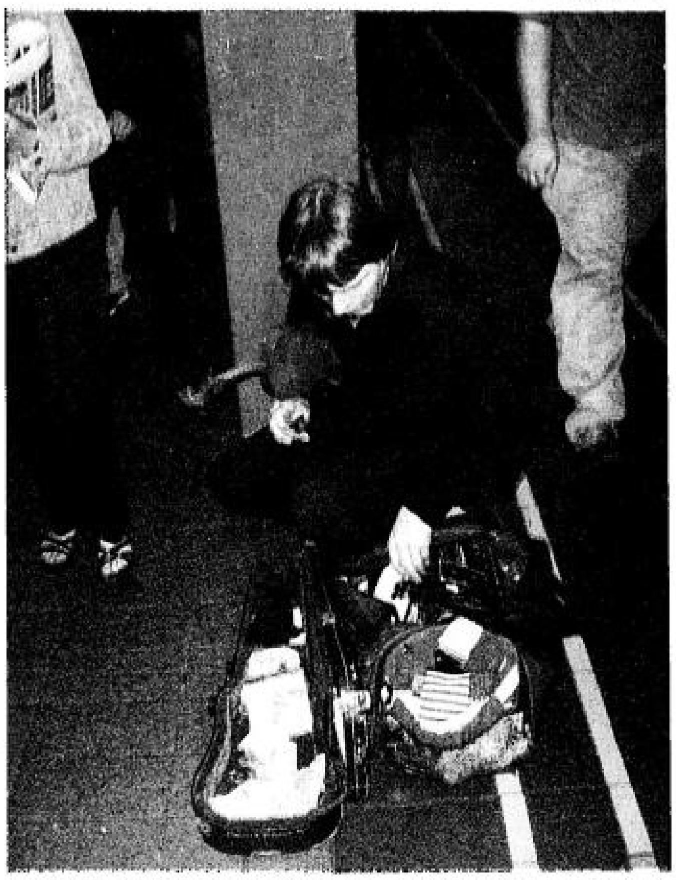
HE remembers familiar faces, and he begins to cry.



APPRECIATIVE audiences throw money for his music. Note bills and coins in the violin case.

elbows and they carried me away," Graseck says and starts laughing. He remembers playing even while the police carried him out. "[People] were aghast. They were flipped out and they came up and started yelling at the cops. So they [the cops] put me down and they let me go, thanks to the nice people who came to help me."

Graseck still keeps a wad of police summons that he's accumulated over the years—battle scars of his days as a fugitive subway performer. The offenses cited in them are indeed absurd: "loitering," "soliciting in subway" and—the clincher—"entertaining passengers."

That all changed when the Metropolitan Transportation Authority launched its Music Under New York Program in 1985. The program allowed musicians to perform in designated subway spaces, and Graseck has been a part of it from the very beginning.

He still receives notices telling him where he'll be performing in upcoming weeks, and says he's thankful the program has given musicians many opportunities to be heard.

"Music Under New York has given a backbone to the street performers," he notes. "It gives people a chance. It gives a little respect. If you're part of the program, you must be okay."

Tim Higginbotham, a consultant to the program, says he's noticed how people appreciate Graseck's talent and showmanship. "He makes it very personal. Oftentimes, he sees someone and directs the piece toward them. I've seen him follow someone and play the piece for them and around them. You feel like you have a relationship with someone at that point."

Rush hour commuters at the Herald Square station echo the sentiment. "It's soothing, very comfortable, given this crowd," says 45-year-old Olga Ostrovsky, a registered nurse. "You can't be rude to anyone. You can't push anyone when you hear this music."

Accountant Rafael Ruiz, 60, is a fan of Graseck and often drops by this subway stop to hear him. "I had to make a phone call but I had to make it quick so I could come here," he says with a smile.

He sits on the bench and requests a song by Franz Liszt. He can't remember the name, so he whistles it to Graseck. The tune turns out to be "Liebestraum," and Graseck immediately jumps into the piece. Ruiz sits mesmerized. After 15 minutes, he's missed five trains.

There are others who come up to Graseck and hug him. But the reason behind this is much deeper than a passing admiration: Every Thursday for 20 years, Graseck played at the subway station under the World Trade Center; many knew him as the "World Trade Center violinist."

He wasn't there on that fateful Tuesday morning, but says he occasionally sees a few of the people who used to work in or near the towers pass by him in other subway stations. Although they never spoke to Graseck all those years, they now approach him and tell him they're glad he's alive. Others give him a kiss.

Yet there are those who, Graseck says, will never be able to hear him play again. They remain nameless faces. "The sad part of it is, I don't know the people who died. I see their faces, but I don't know whom to call."

Graseck kept several business cards of people he met at the World Trade Center and tried to call them. "There were no answers or the phones weren't working, so I'm going to try again. I did manage to get in touch with about 30 people. And even the couple that I didn't know, when I called they recognized me. One of them started crying."

In the weeks following Sept. 11, Graseck received phone calls of another sort: requests to play at the funerals of those who perished in the attacks. In September, he played at the funeral of William Feehan, the first deputy fire commissioner, in Flushing.

A few weeks later, he went to New Jersey for another funeral. He didn't even know who it was for; he says he just received a call from a friend of the missing woman and said she would have wanted him to play.

"I only had directions and a time," Graseck says. "I didn't even know her, but I'll recognize her probably from pictures."

Reunion

On Oct. 17, Graseck got a call from Mike Masiello, a 55-year-old business unit manager who used to pass Graseck at the World Trade Center subway station and who has been a fan for the last 10 years. But instead of inviting him to a funeral, Masiello would set into motion a series of events that would reunite Graseck with many of the people he used to play for at the World Trade Center.

"He said, 'We're coming in now at Pier 11 and maybe you can come down and play for the people you used to see,' " recalls Graseck of his conversation with Masiello, who was referring to the area where commuters to the former World Trade Center subway station have been re-routed.

"I missed him and I missed his music," says Masiello, who found Graseck's phone number on the Internet. "New York in that area is a community and James had become part of that spirit and emotion, and I wanted that back. I had to get to him and tell him we're in a new spot. I said, 'Jim, people are looking for you down there.'"

Graseck went to Pier 11 the next morning. He spotted Masiello right away. "It was just so wonderful to see him and it was like 30 seconds of an intense reunion." The two hugged.

Soon, Graseck saw more and more familiar faces. "It was one person talking to me and then another person came and I couldn't even answer his questions because another person came," recalls Graseck, tumbling over his words. "And it became a wonderful maze of things happening at once. I just felt so happy knowing that I was able to see so many of my friends—my extended family—alive."

Two weeks later, Graseck returned to Pier 11. This time, he says, the experience was more emotional. As a crowd gathered—old friends, familiar faces—Graseck began to cry while he played.

"And that point, I started to swell up," says Graseck. He pauses a moment before continuing, his voice trembling slightly. "I was feeling this joy, this sentimental feeling that life is precious and these are hardworking people whom I've known and they're a part of my life, more than I've realized."

Still, Graseck is aware of the deep pain and loss that underscored his visit. "What made me cry was realizing that life has changed dramatically for all of us," he says. "I've seen these people through the passages of the World Trade Center, and every one of their lives has been altered. And the change, while we can adjust to it, is always going to remind us of what was, and it makes me all that much grateful for what we have now."

Masiello says he believes Graseck's presence at Pier 11 was symbolic. "We didn't lose everything that we had in that Center," he observes. "We still had the joy and the pleasure that he had brought to thousands of people who walked through that Center. I know I won't see him all the time, but I will see him from time to time. And I know I won't lose that."

Masiello echoes the sentiments of many of Graseck's admirers. At the Herald Square subway station, a woman comes up to him and gives him a kiss and a hug. She, too, used to listen to him at the World Trade Center, and when her train arrives, he starts playing for her as she walks toward it and enters. As the doors close, she starts to applaud.

The train zooms away, and Graseck's violin strains are drowned by the din of screeching brakes and rumbling trains. But he continues to play. Just as he always has.

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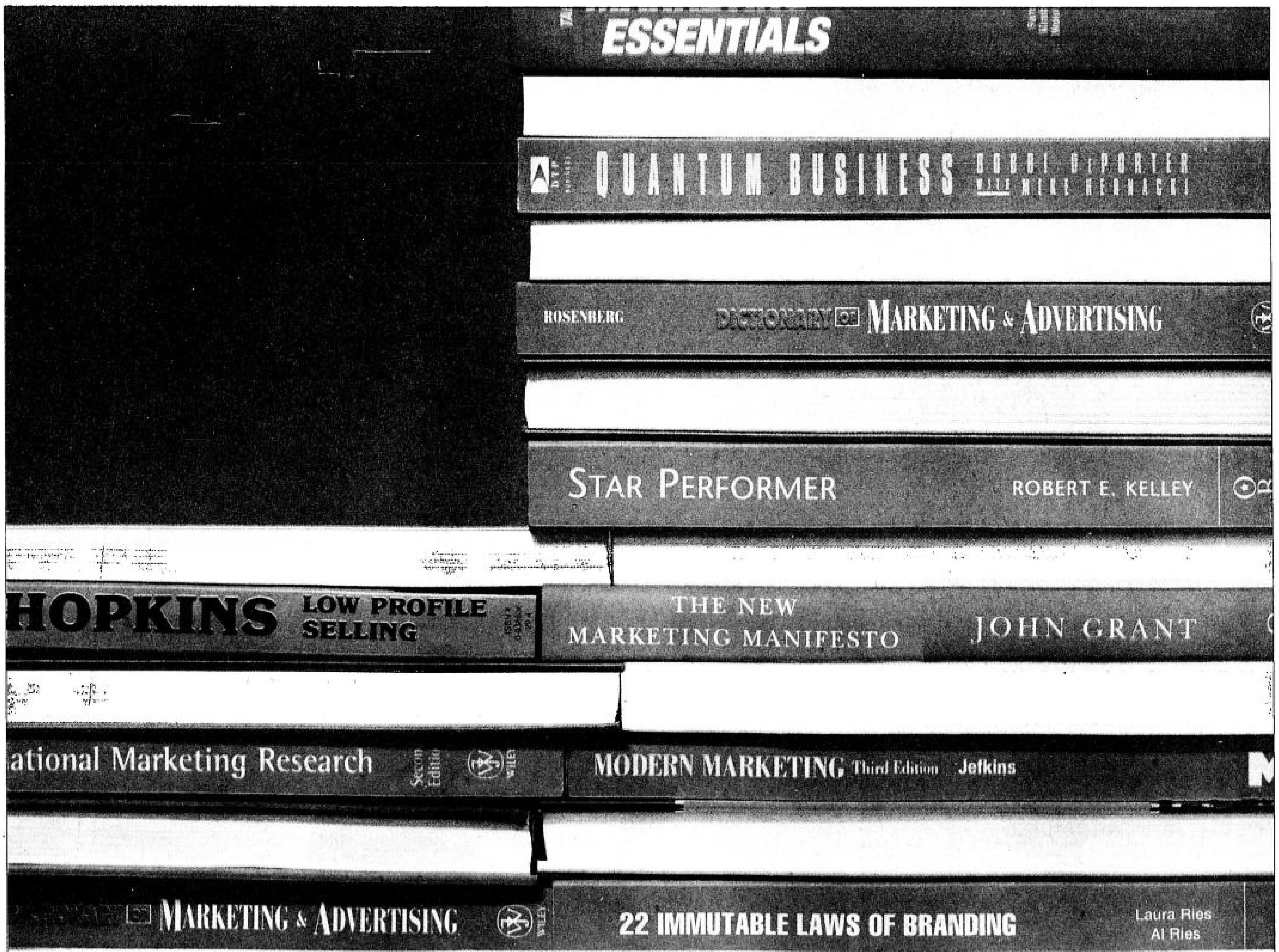
PLAYING for people gives him a high.



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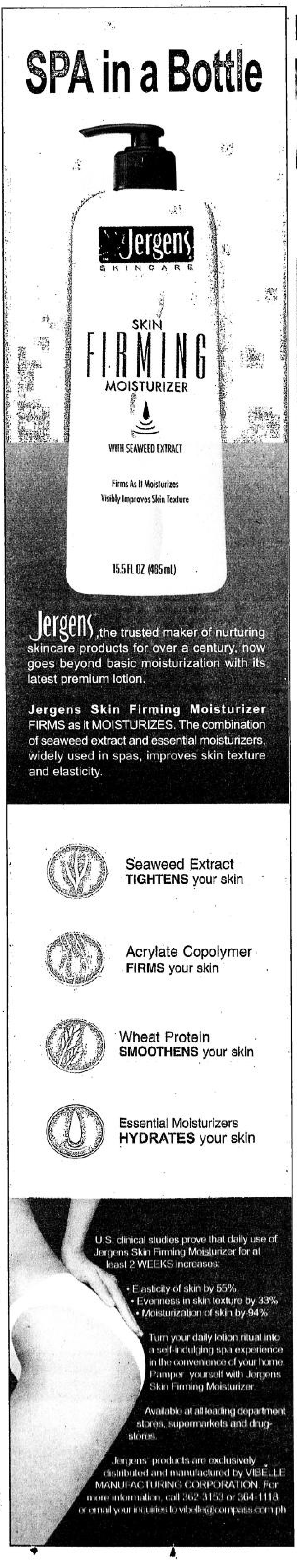
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representing a powerful, dynamic movement. The churches have the same consistent devotion and accountability to God and to others. I have had the blessed opportunity to meet congregations of compassionate, generous and fun-loving people in many parts of the world—the churches in Los Angeles, San Francisco, South Florida, Toronto, Montreal, Munich, Amsterdam, Hong Kong and, of course, the Metro Manila Christian Church, which is one the biggest worldwide.

Two of my biggest heroes and dearest friends are Dave and Kimi Traver, who gave up their medical professions in the US and volunteered to start mobile clinics in the poorest areas and slums of Metro Manila. Members of the Manila Church who were doctors, nurses or did any kind of medical work contributed to the success of this volunteer program.

From the Philippines, the Travers went to Cambodia where they helped build a hospital for the poor in Phnom Penh. Now back in California, they continue to serve many Hope Worldwide projects nationally and internationally.

Hope has projects all over the world—Aids clinics in Africa, housing villages in India, providing job opportunities for leprosy patients and their families, Fundacion Casa in Mexico and numerous health centers in South America, taking care of abandoned or orphaned children and the elderly, orphanages being supported in Russia, Romania and China, etc., etc.

On April 27, Hope Worldwide volunteers in every part of the world will go on an annual blitz, a simultaneous sharing of time and energy to help those in need.

Inner city campaign

Here in South Florida, we will be choosing a couple of homes in the inner cities of every sector and county and we will clean, repaint and landscape them. This has become one of our favorite projects. Old folks (usually very poor) live in unkempt, derelict homes, with overgrown yards and full of weeds. They neither have the energy nor the means to make their surroundings more livable. So we, volunteers, spend the whole day cleaning their homes, the yards, planting flowers and grass, painting the interior and exterior structures, etc.

Other groups will visit orphanages and senior citizens' homes.

In Manila, I am told, Hope is presenting a concert for the benefit of its projects in Baseco South Harbor, Payatas and Smokey Mountain on the same day, April 27.

(The local Hope staff announced that the concert, titled "Lean on Me," will be held at the Cuneta Astrodome starting at 8 p.m. Among the stars who have agreed to share their time and talent are Jaya, Kyla, Barbie's Cradle, Maxine, Chad Borja, Maegan Aguilar, Rodel Gonzalez and Kuh Ledesma. Directed by Boom Dayupay of Kulay, the concert will be aired on RPN 9 on a delayed telecast on June 1, 9 p.m.)

Come July, around 20 members of our church's Teens and Campus Ministries (from the Palm Beach Sector) will be in the Philippines and other parts of Asia for two weeks to assist Hope projects there as part of the International Youth Corps. They will be joining other young people from different churches from all over America and around the world. They are all so excited to help and get their hands dirty. Seeing them at work will move you!

Every human being is blessed with talents and the responsibility to develop and use these talents for the betterment of self, family, the community and the rest of the world.

CES on the ramp

WITH CLASSMATES Mari Calangi-Mesina, Edna Consing-Concepcion and Melissa Enerio-Field in California

A few years ago, the Manila Church invited me to participate in an International Women's Conference, where lessons would be taught to various women's ministries (campus, singles, marrieds). I flew in from Toronto to help put the program together.

The conference theme was inspired by the song, "You Are So Beautiful." I organized the fashion show segment, shared fashion and beauty tips during an open forum and ended up sharing with some 600 women the story of my life—the good, the bad and the ugly.

It has been quite a life—not a perfect one—but one that continues to evolve, and I love it. I love the purpose of my life, which is to glorify God with every aspect of my existence, additionally with the hope and desire to glorify others. It is not always easy and quite often, challenging. It has been a humbling journey and I make mistakes all the time. But taking responsibility is a refreshing experience.

Every day is a gift, an opportunity to do better. Life will never be perfect, but I am learning to look at whatever situation I am in at present as a fragment of the rest of the story, not to judge it as a curse or a blessing. I am learning to be content with what I know and not be perturbed by what I don't know.

Readers

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monthly bills I have received from MWCI since October 2000 are correct. The erroneous charges ranged from a low of P554.53 (January 2002) to a high P1,325.08 (October 2001). There are only four people in my household. How can we consume so much? I have been following up my complaint many times since June 28, 2001. My latest bills, which I presume are correctly computed, are only P109.04 a month for January-February. (However, it reflected an unpaid balance of P1,988, which I am contesting) and P72.83 for February-March (with unpaid balance of P552.98, which is also contested)."

Trigger-happy cops

Benjie Angeles, a former government official, called us up recently to express gratitude for the speedy action of Philippine National Police officials on his complaint against four young policemen who shot at his car on a memorable night near Merville subdivision.

Angeles said he was driving behind the policemen's slow-moving vehicle when the driver of the car behind him blew the horn out of exasperation. Obviously irritated, the cops fired four shots toward the vehicle of Angeles, thinking it was the latter who blew the horn. Unnerved by what they did, Angeles followed the policemen and they ended up at the Southern Police headquarters where he reported the incident to top officers of PNP.

"Please express my gratitude and respect to PNP Deputy Director Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane, SPD Director Gen. Sonny Gutierrez and chief investigation division Col. Oscar Catalan. I was driving for three *balikbayan* friends when it happened. No thanks to these trigger-happy policemen—barely one year on the job—my friends were so scared they cut short their stay in the Philippines," Angeles said.

Good Samaritan

A veterinary doctor is all praises for the good Samaritan who helped her when other passengers and the driver of the jeepney (license plate NYJ 705) did not bother when her head bled while in the jeepney.

"I had barely boarded the jeep when the driver stepped on the accelerator. I held on tight to the bar but hit my head on the protruding metal on the jeep's roof. The driver even blamed me for not avoiding the metal," the vet related.

"It was only passenger Mary Ann Buna, branch manager of Chow King restaurant, who supported me and even accompanied me to the hospital for treatment. She did not even know me," said the thankful doctor.

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A new standard of beauty

CES catching up with former STC classmates Lenlen Cruz-Carluen and daughter in Toronto

By Cecilia Artadi Damen
Contributor

SOUTH FLORIDA—It has been more than three decades since I first walked down the ramp, a tall and thin local Twiggy lookalike with thick, heavy false eyelashes. Since then beauty standards have changed as fashion, hair and makeup styles came and went and came back again. And what do you know? I survived!

All those years of doing daily luncheon shows and dinner galas at five-star hotels or at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, wearing the couture collections of well-established local designers and visiting international designers such as Balestra, Versace, Fabiani, Hanae Mori and Pierre Cardin and being named one of the country's Top 10 Models were a great learning experience. Then the biggest (but most exciting!) challenge was opening the first professional modeling agency, International Talents Models Inc. with a German partner, Inge Schuckmann.

When the agency, succumbing to the political and economic turbulence of the mid-1980s, closed shop after three years, I went to Europe. What was to be just a vacation turned out to be a new chapter in my modeling career.

Now shuttling between the United States and Canada, and fast approaching my golden years, I continue to be busy with fashion shows, informal modeling stints, print and TV ads, most recently under contract with Marianne Models in Miami and Boca Models.

I have also entered into a different kind of contract, one that goes beyond this lifetime. This contract binds me to one basic commitment: that I love the Lord, my God, with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind and with all my strength. Everything else follows. This standard, for inner and outer beauty, is what I now live by.

GLOWING from within

In the summer of 1991, while visiting with the family in Los Angeles, my sister and a friend invited me to the Sunday service of the Los Angeles Church of Christ. It was a mind-blowing and heart-changing experience, and it totally overhauled my relationship with God.

Offering hope

I have since been a member of the nondenominational International Churches of Christ (Icoc), active in its global outreach arm, Hope (Helping Other People Everywhere). In fact, in 1993, I had the privilege and pleasure of helping set up Hope Worldwide Inc. Phils., a nonprofit, nongovernment organization that cares for needy children and youth. Operating in 154 cities in 58 countries, Hope has special UN consultative status and is licensed by the Philippine Social Welfare Department.

Even as a child, God was very real to me. Throughout grade school and high school (at St. Theresa's College, Manila), I went to the chapel every day during the lunch break to pray. Before going to sleep I would pray again.

As a young adult, overwhelmed by all the wonderful and exciting events happening in my life, I didn't always have time for God. Oh, yes, I'd still pray and go to church every now and then, making sure I didn't miss important feasts like Christmas and Easter. But at that point, it had become a ritual.

Through all my travels and successes, my life seemed to be going faster and faster: I started partying a little bit more heavily, started drinking just a bit too much, all in the pursuit of happiness and a good time. Relationships became more of a burden than a joy. On and on the wheels of life went, faster and faster.

Then one day I realized I was just so tired... and sad.

Members of the Los Angeles Church, many of whom are now dear friends, invited me to study the Scriptures. How hungry my heart was! The decision to allow God's words to cut open my heart and subject it to spiritual surgery hurt, but I will never regret it. I realized who I really was in God's eyes, and it wasn't a pretty picture.

The Bible is God's love letter to us. (I also like to refer to it as a life manual.) In the light of life's experiences, His words made so much sense, offering answers to my questions. Jesus' life and death became so real it completely broke my heart! This was unconditional love: no compromise, no hidden agenda.

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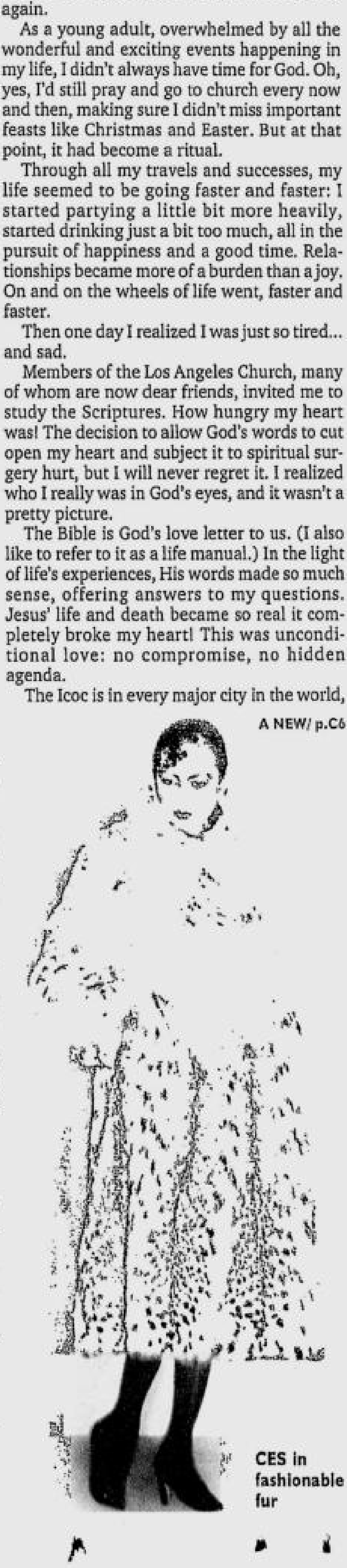

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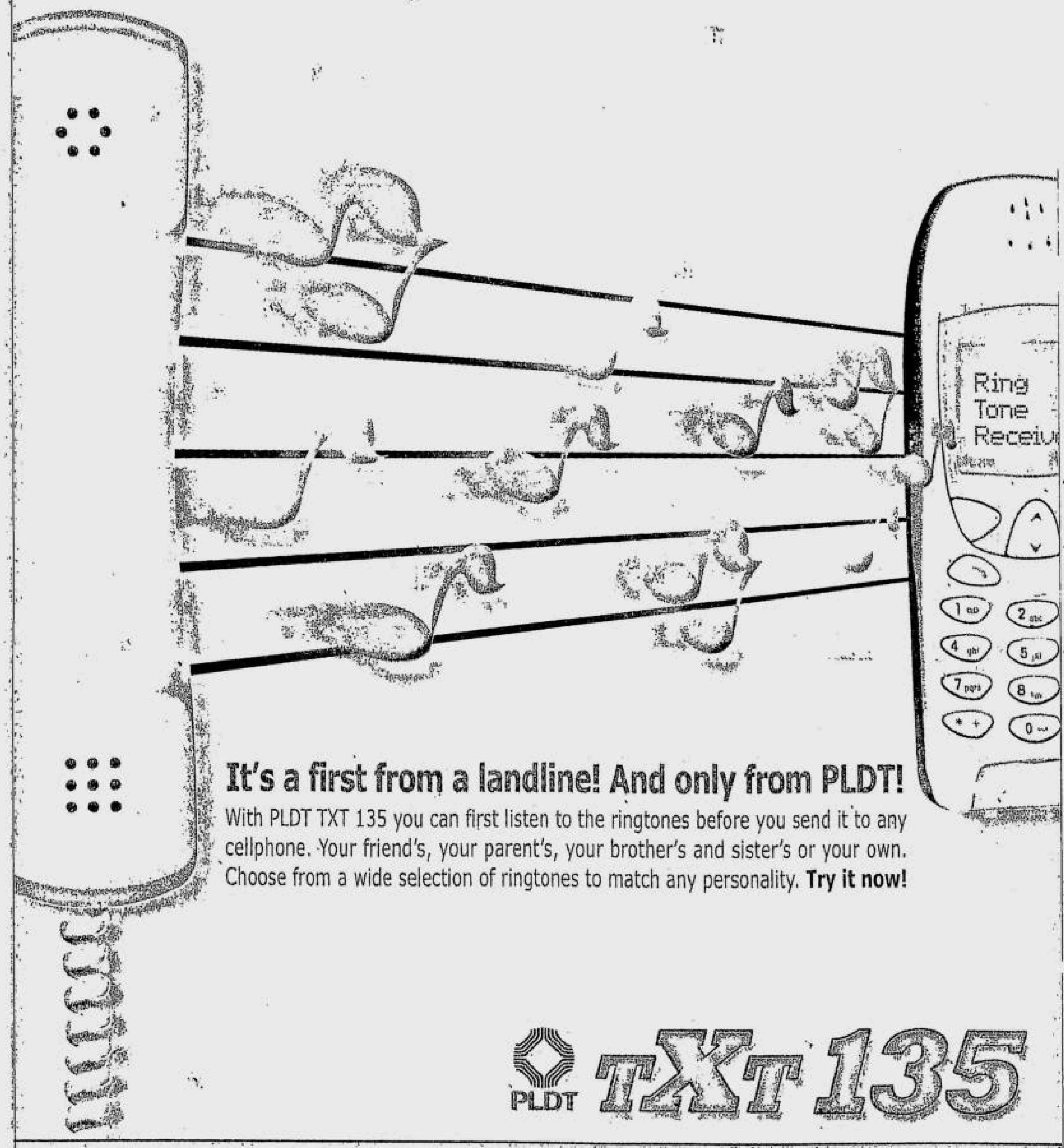

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Tarsier doesn't monkey around

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

IT might have been around for about 45 million years but the tarsier remains among the most misunderstood of Philippine creatures. For one thing, despite all the publicity it has received recently, including a very high-profile encounter with a flesh-and-blood royalty, many people persist in calling the tiny, timid creature a monkey.

And because a few captive animals have been made to perform like their ape cousins by their handlers, there is the mistaken notion that tarsiers are social creatures always willing and eager to have "photo ops" with humans.

"Tarsier man" Carlito Pizarras himself started with some misconceptions about the mammals that would become his life's passion. "I initially thought they ate charcoal because I read it from some 'expert's' report," Pizarras recalled of his earlier efforts to get to know the most famous inhabitants of his native Bohol. As a 12-year-old boy, Pizarras, the son of a taxidermist, decided to keep a tarsier for a pet, giving it a diet of charcoal and water, as the "expert" suggested. His first pet died a week later. He tried the same diet with two other animals losing them both just like the first.

The young boy finally decided to find out for himself what tarsiers ate. After weeks of patient observation, Pizarras concluded that the tarsier in the forest was not eating charcoal but was digging into a burnt log in search of insects. He also realized that it was extreme fear of the human who had wandered into its territory that sometimes made the tarsier clamp its teeth tightly around a piece of charcoal giving the wrong impression that it was trying to eat the burnt wood.

Although looking cute and cuddly, the tarsier is an extremely nervous creature, instantly upset by unwanted intrusions. Pizarras said the tiny animal, declared by The World Conservation Union as "vulnerable and threatened by habitat destruction and hunting," was hardly made to live in captivity as a pet.

With his knowledge of the animal, Pizarras,

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TARSIER man Carlito Pizarras

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Naic residents honor Sto. Bambino de Aracoeli with a 'caracol'

THIS is the 11th year that the Sto. Bambino de Aracoeli has been honored with a *caracol* on May 1 in the Filipinas Paradise Complex in Naic, Cavite. After the Mass at 2 p.m. at the subdivision's chapel to be concelebrated by Bishop Manuel Sobreviñas and some priests, the *caracol* will dance with the image around the compound.

The devotion to the Sto. Bambino began in the late '80s with lawyer Romeo and Dr. Lourdes Echauz spearheading the devotion that was inspired by Fr. Corsie Legaspi. Father Corsie has his own miraculous story to tell about his devotion to the *bambino*.

Those who have been attending the yearly Mass and *caracol* have their own stories to tell, too. I first heard about the *bambino* from Gang Gomez, now Dom Martin, who would bring a replica of the *bambino* in the Congregacion del Santissimo Nombre del Niño Jesus processions. His sister Erlie Gomez Manaloto is now in charge of bringing it to processions.

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The image of the *bambino* was carved by a Franciscan friar in Jerusalem in the 15th century. Using olive wood, the image looked plain and raw so an angel painted it in gold. The friar put the image in a small case and set off to Rome by ship, but a terrible storm made him throw the case overboard.

Tradition relates that the case arrived in the port of Livorno by itself. The holy image was received with great joy and given special veneration in a church on the Capitoline Hill. News of miracles of healing spread around the city among sick people who visited him in his chapel. Rich gifts of gold and precious stones would be brought to the Baby Jesus in His crib. Mothers brought their children to be blessed, while pregnant women came to ask for safe delivery.

Pope Leo XIII crowned the Baby Jesus on May 2, 1897. The *bambino's* fame reached the four corners of the world, as attested by the numerous letters received daily asking for favors and thanking the *bambino* for his help.

The children in Rome visit the *bambino* during Christmastime. But on the feast of the Epiphany, the whole of Rome is found on the Capitoline Hill, praising the Baby Jesus and asking for His blessing.

Jewelry named after Blessed Escriva's sister

TIA Carmen is what Minette Javellana Sison and Inday Vargas-Javellana call the jewelry they make. Tia Carmen is Carmen Escriva, the sister of Blessed Josemaria Escriva, who never married but instead spent her life supporting the work of Opus Dei that Blessed Escriva founded in Madrid on Oct. 2, 1928.

Inday and Minette are sisters-in-law, with Inday married to Minette's brother Eduardo. Both are "supernumenaries" of Opus Dei.

STO. Bambino de Aracoeli

With P5,000, they bought beads and precious stones and strung them together to make bracelets, pendants and earrings. Training Minette's maids whom she brought to Bacolod when she settled there, they were able to produce beautiful accessories.

Soon enough, the clients of the two increased through the years with the help of Minette's sister, Vicky Echauz, who is based in Manila.

A part of the proceeds of this business goes to Buglas Foundation, a non-profit organization that aims to reach out to hundreds of women from all walks of life in Negros. Minette and Inday are trying to help build a building of Kasanag Study Center, a permanent structure that would serve as a venue for youth development and value formation.

Those interested in the jewelry can make an appointment with Vicky Echauz at (0918)903-3942 or call Minette in Bacolod at (034)441-1753.

Blessed Escriva exhibit

A ROVING exhibit of Blessed Josemaria Escriva will be held at the Victorias Municipal Hall in Victories City on April 24-30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Another sked is on May 1-7, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., at Robinsons Place, Bacolod City.

Masbateños Mass

FIVE priests from Masbate have confirmed to concelebrate with Bishop Joel Baylon at the Holy Mass for Masbateños on April 28, 4 p.m., at the San Jose Seminary Chapel in the Ateneo de Manila University grounds. They are Fr. Felipe Gonzales, Fr. Sebastian Gadia, Fr. Ramir Dalanan, Fr. Jose Almero and Fr. Randall Denealo. Those who wish to attend can call Dr. Lalaine Rapadas at (0917)394-9875.

The response of Masbateños living in Metro Manila is tremendous. At least 300 people are expected. Sen. Ernesto Maceda, who won three times in Masbate, is also going to help renovate the Cathedral of St. Anthony de Padua.

When we were in Masbate on April 4, Totie Zafra told us about the plan of putting up a Festival of Saints and Flores de Mayo in May. Masbate's old families own antique saints that they use for the Holy Week procession.

Marian image in Odiongan

BARANGAY Dapawan in Odiongan, Romblon is building a chapel that they will dedicate to the Immaculate Conception. Martina Festin, who is from Odiongan, told me the barrio folk are asking our readers to donate a 3-ft image of Our Lady. Those who wish to help can beep me at 141-020543. The image will be made of *baticuling* wood.

New priests in Naga

ARCHBISHOP Leonardo Legaspi recently ordained four deacons to priesthood at the Basilica Minore of Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Naga. They are Fr. Marlon Tebelin, Fr. Vincent Yee Concepcion, Fr. Mario Arnante and Fr. Edmundo Siguenza.

Serving Legazpi for 20 years

FORMER Mayor Mely Roces of Legazpi wrote to say that she's happy to have been of service to Legazpi for 20 years. But we believe she would have been able to represent Legazpi very well in Congress. Thanks to Tita Mely, we were able to appreciate the history of Albay and its people through the Ibalong Festival, which is held every October.

'Daigdig na Sugatan'

"DAIGDIG na Sugatan" will be a series of weekly one-hour specials on RPN 9, airing its first season today, 2-3 p.m. This was inspired by Smokey Mountain residents headed by Fr. Benigno P. Beltran. The TV series will be in magazine format that is both educational and entertaining.

Goodbye, Lina Moran

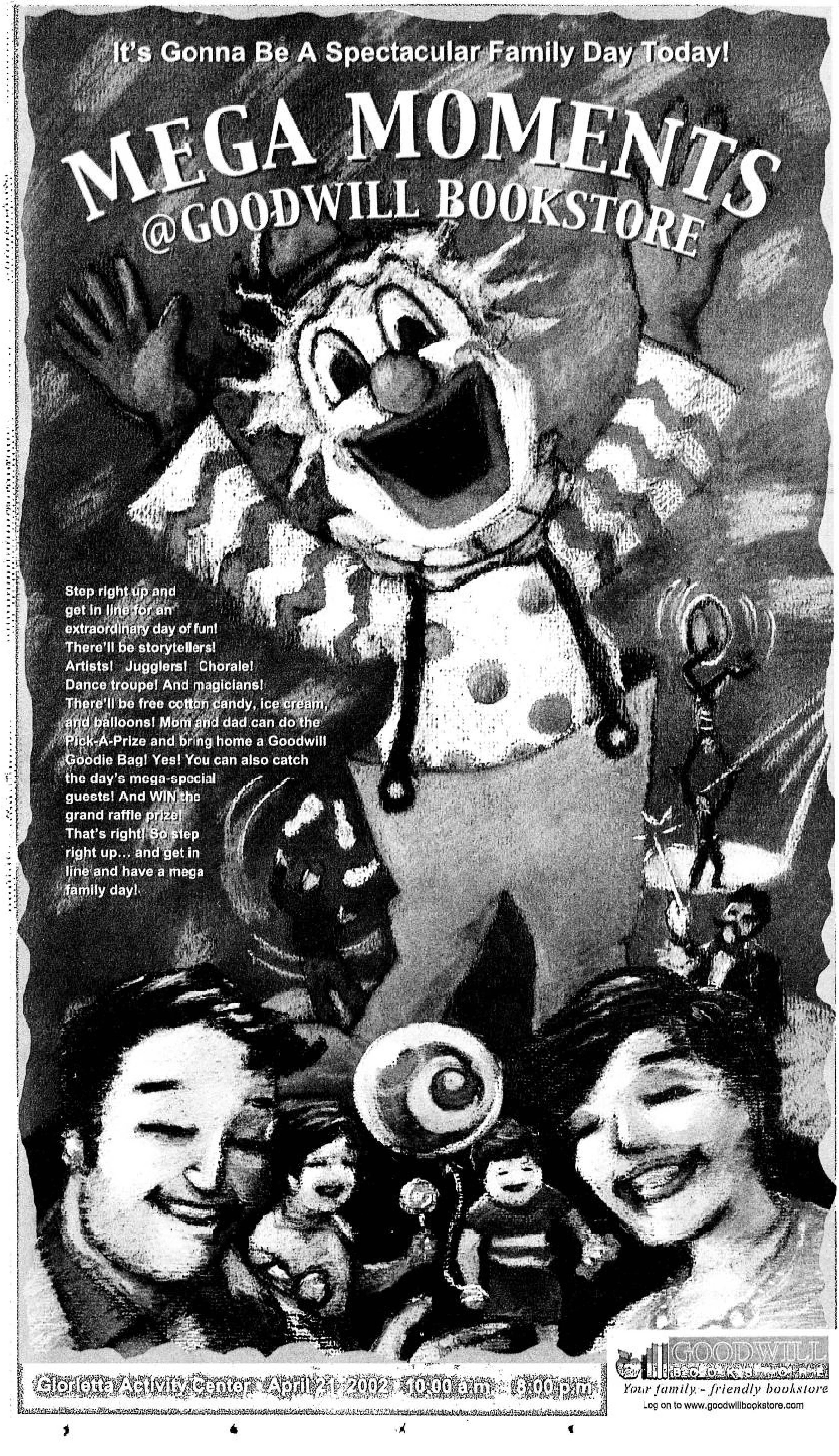
AMALIE Azanza told me that our friend Lina Moran passed away on April 6, 4 a.m., after a long bout with cancer. Goodbye, Lina, and pray for us.

Condolences also to the family of Diomedes Maturan. His son Dennis is a member of the Friends of St. Joseph Foundation. Also, our sympathies go to Bobby Caballero on the death of his father, Col. Deogracias Caballero.

1,600 devotees of AP

AT LEAST 1,600 devotees are going to attend the Apostleship of Prayer convention at the Manila Hotel Fiesta Pavilion on April 26-27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Keynote speaker is Bishop Chito Tagle of Imus. Archdiocesan president of AP is Rosario Lopez, former PCSO chair.

INDAY Vargas-Javellana and Minette Javellana Sison



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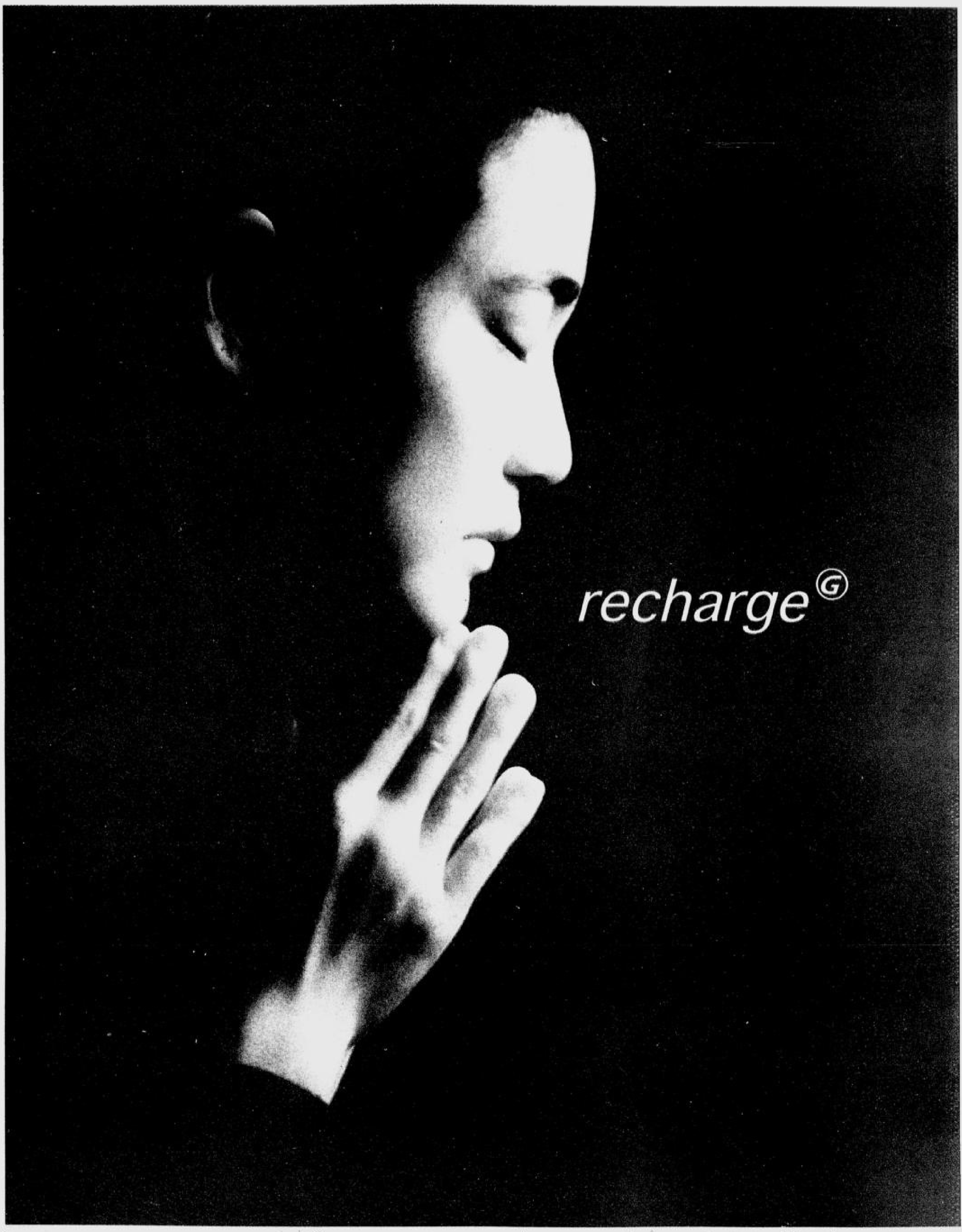

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the self-made tarsier expert, who is now in his 40s, is almost as valued a resource of the Philippine Tarsier Foundation "sanctuary" in Barangay Canapnapan, Corella town, some 12 km from Tagbilaran City, as the animal it seeks to protect.

Visitors can't help but be awed by the almost instinctive way Pizarras senses the presence of his "wards." Pizarras can even distinguish Datu Charles, the tarsier named after and who made the acquaintance of the Prince of Wales, heir to the British throne, during the royalty's visit to the Philippines. Years of hobnobbing with the tiny creatures have sharpened Pizarras' eyes and nose and enabled him to detect their presence even when they are hidden behind a mass of green leaves, clutching tightly a bunch of brown twigs and branches or crouching so close to the ground they look like the soil itself. Even when Pizarras would point out where the animal—about half a foot long with grayish brown fur and a nearly naked tail—was among the thick shrubbery at the foundation compound, most visitors were unlikely to spot the tarsier. It takes a while for the uninitiated to separate the primate from the thick brush of its habitat.

Most of the time, Pizarras had to hold the creature before the bemused visitor realized that she was almost nose-to-nose with the animal. Up-close, the timid tarsier—with eyes that seem to be half its size (the huge eyes allow it to see well at night when it hunts for insects)—looks like a cross between a creature from outer space and Australia's koala bear. Its diminutive size and furry body gives people the wrong impression that it takes naturally to being domesticated.

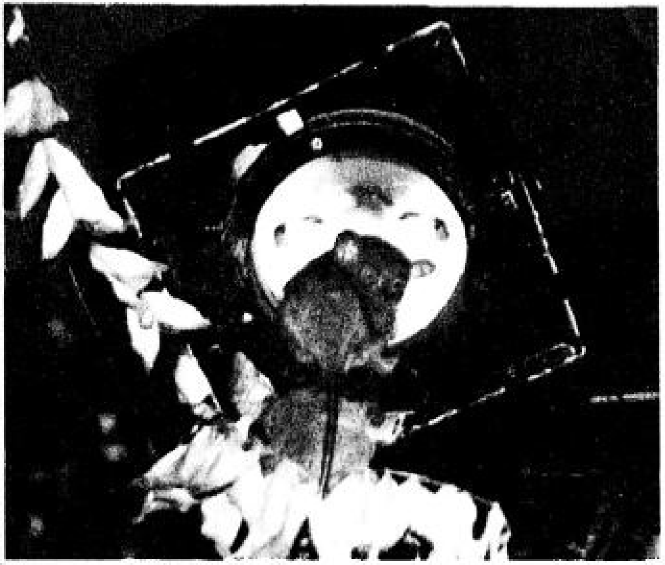
Pizarras said, however, that keeping the tarsier as a pet shortened its lifespan drastically. He said visitors to some places in Bohol who had the chance to hold and pet the tarsier and be photographed with them probably thought they were the same animals others before them have seen. In fact, Pizarras said, handlers of those "show" tarsiers had to replace their animals every so often because the frequent encounters with humans greatly stressed the primates.

Although scientists agree that the tarsier, popularly known in the Philippines as the "world's smallest monkey" is really not a monkey, they are still not sure what kind of primate it is. Some say it should be classed as prosimians like lemurs, lorises and bushbabies, an older (or "lower") order of primates that could date back 55 million years. It is one of the oldest land species in continuous existence in the Philippines. Other researchers think the tarsier, whose name "tarsier/tarsius" is derived from its very long anklebones, is part of a more recent (or "higher") order of primates, like monkeys and humans.

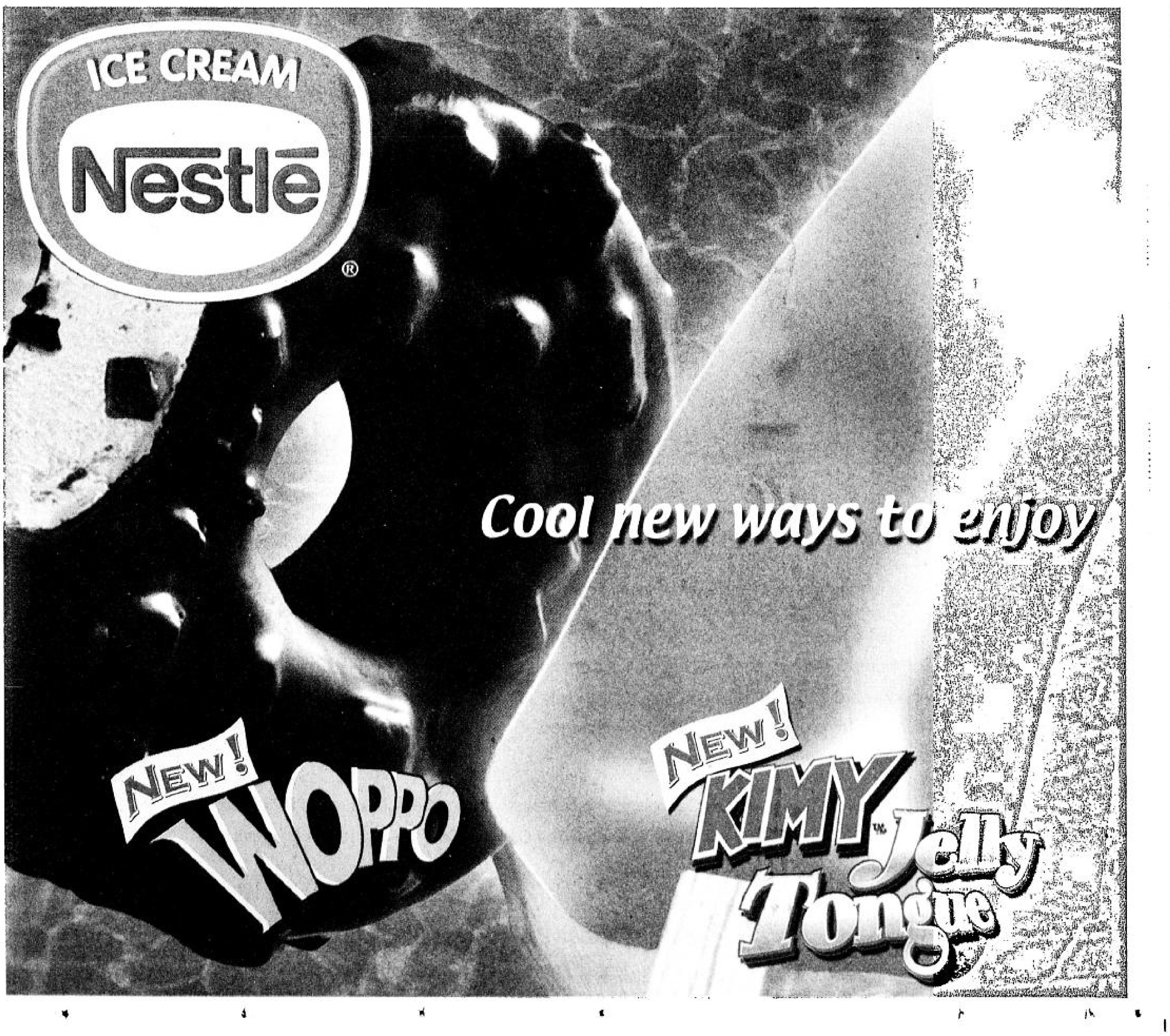
Despite the tarsier's more high-profile image boosted considerably by its encounter with visiting royalty, threats against the animal remain. Logging and farming continue to destroy the tarsier's habitat. It is not safe from both humans and domestic animals. Some farmers kill tarsiers because of the mistaken belief that the animals destroy crops (they actually eat agricultural pests) while house cats often kill tarsiers for fun as much as for food. At present, the Philippine tarsier can still be found in Bohol, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao and is variously known to the natives as *mamag*, *mago*, *magau*, *maomag*, *malmag* and *magatilok-iok*.

The Philippine Tarsier Foundation spearheads the campaign to save one of the world's smallest primates.

OWLISH. A tarsier looks as wise and big-eyed as an owl as it peers behind leaves.



"WE'RE ready for our close-up, Mr. Director." Two tarsiers cling to a klieg light set up by a National Geographic crew.



Foundation celebrates 40 years of partnership to help poor Filipinos

AYALA Foundation marks its 40th anniversary by honoring its partners, donors and sponsors on Funders' Night, April 22 at Onstage, Greenbelt Mall. The event will highlight the foundation's various social development and cultural programs and outline its future plans.

Among those who will be acknowledged are Washington SyCip and the SGV Foundation, which makes a permanent loan of one of their prized Fernando Zobel paintings to Ayala Museum.

Ayala Foundation was established by Col. Joseph McMicking and his wife Mercedes Zobel to uplift Filipinos through education and livelihood. As the social development arm of Ayala Corp., it continues to focus on projects that build and sustain communities, promote culture and heritage, and provide Filipinos with the means to shape their lives.

Victoria Garchitorena, foundation president, says, "Ayala Foundation takes up the challenge of empowering Filipinos, especially the under-resourced, to join the country's journey to progress. We are ready to find innovative solutions to the age-old problems of illiteracy, homelessness, environmental degradation, social turmoil and discontent."

The foundation's flagship program for youth development, the Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education (Centex), has more than 400 students in its Tondo and Bauan, Batangas campuses. Centex provides young, bright children from poor families with quality education on a par with that of the country's best private schools. The Centex children will present a musical production called "Ala-Ala-Mat" on Funders' Night to thank those who support the school and other programs of Ayala Foundation.

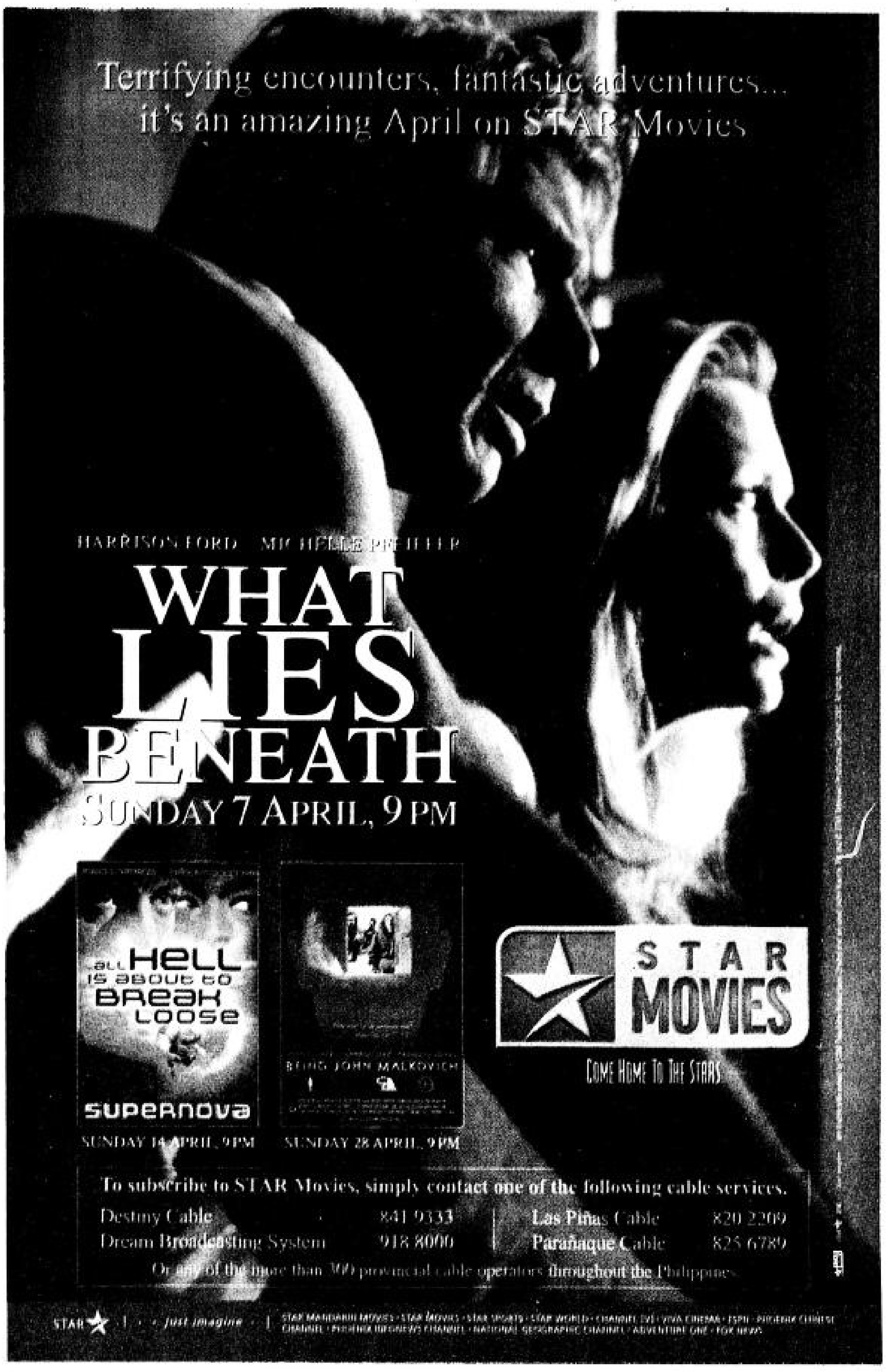
The foundation will also unveil plans for the new Ayala Museum, which is expected to open in 2004 as part of the redeveloped Greenbelt Park. The museum is set to become the new symbol of art and culture in Makati. As a venue for major international exhibitions, it aims to promote Filipino artists and the Philippines in the international art arena.

Ayala Foundation is also focusing on information technology projects to help prepare young Filipinos for the global economy. Project Youth Tech provides Internet laboratories and computer training to public high schools all over the country. More than 18,000 students and 180 teachers in 36 public high schools have benefited from the project since it began in 2000. Other IT-related projects of Ayala Foundation such as the Center for Technical Training Excellence, the Intel Clubhouse and the Cisco Networking Academies give technical skills training to students and out-of-school youth. In arts and culture, the Filipinas Heritage Library creates electronic media and online research facilities for Filipiniana materials.

Garchitorena says a great part of the foundation's work is made possible with assistance from generous donors and partners. It will be tapping the assistance of Filipinos abroad by establishing the Ayala Foundation USA.

The institution is an active member of the League of Corporate Foundations, Association of Foundations, the Makati NGO Network and the Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium.

Says Garchitorena, "Through our partnerships, Ayala Foundation is able to arm Filipinos with the skills they need to bridge the gap between their dreams and their lives."



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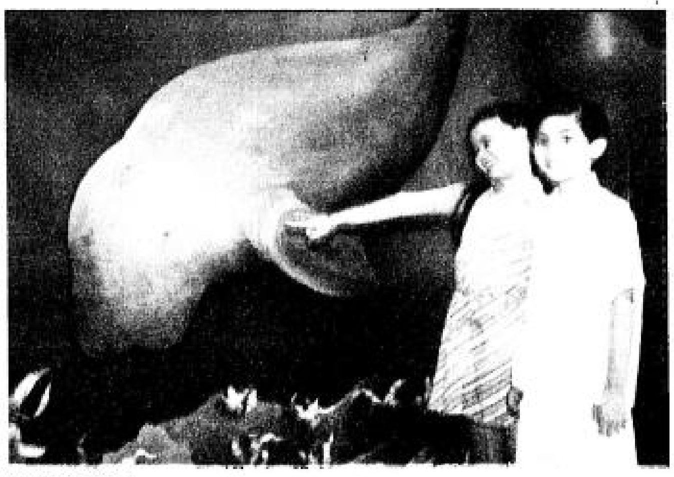
DUGONGS love munching on seagrass.

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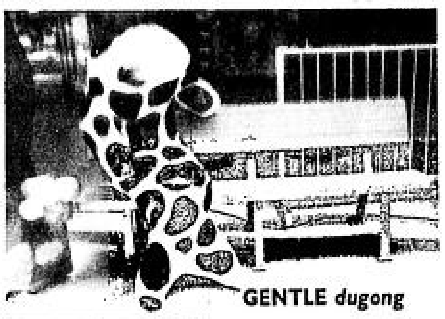
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LEARN more about the marine environment and make a difference through the "Save the Seas Summer Adventure" ongoing at all SM Supermalls.

The rare exhibit on marine life and conservation is a joint project of the SM Supermalls with Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corp. (HSBC) and the World Wide Fund (WWF) Phils.

The Philippines has one of the longest coastlines in the world, stretching more than 18,000 km and encompassing 27,000 sq km of coral reefs. Oceans help moderate the effects of pollution, and provide livelihood and food to the population.

"Save-the-Seas" features an informative underwater photo exhibit by Jurgen Freund of endangered marine animals in the country—the whale, the green sea turtle, the whale shark and dolphin. Special focus is placed on the *dugong* or sea cow, in cleverly sculpted art pieces showing them in human-like poses.

An aquarium display has been set up by the Aquarium Science Association of the Phils. (Asap). It features exotic fish like the Big Eye

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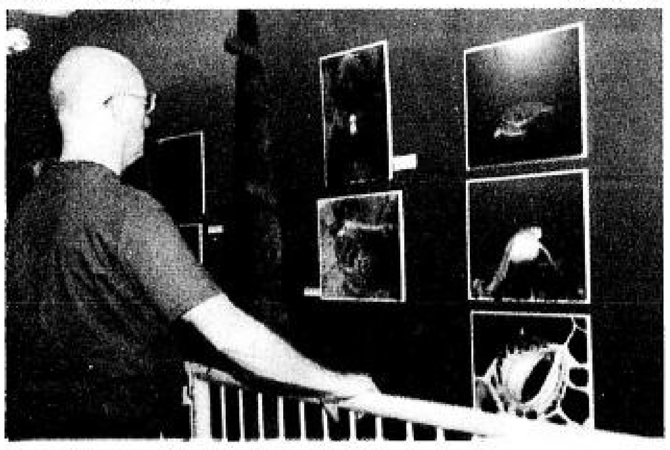
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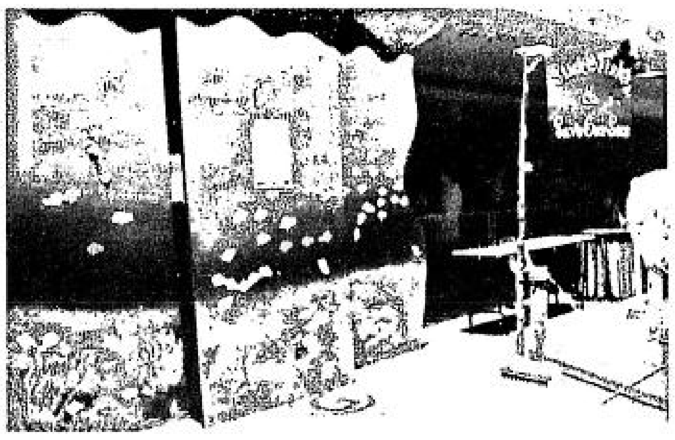
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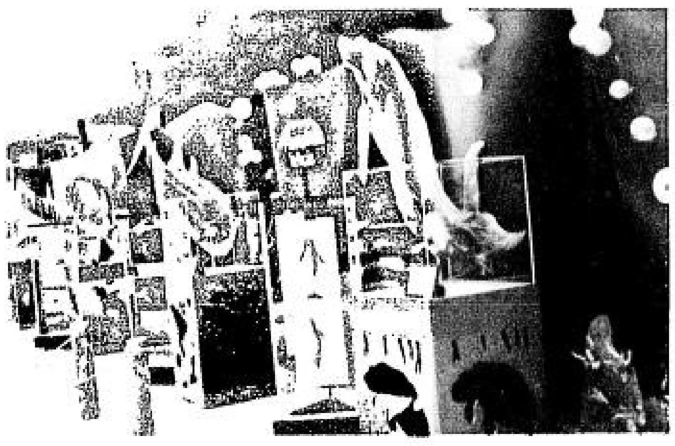

MINIATURE sculptures of marine species

So close and yet so far from the city

Only one hour away from Makati City, Wonder Resort makes you feel you're far from the sound and the fury of urban living

WONDER where you could find a place this summer that is worlds away from the city without having to spend many hours traveling?

It is not as difficult as you imagine it to be. Wonder Island resort in Laguna de Bay is only one hour away from Makati City, but it is designed to make you feel you're far from the sound and the fury of urban living.

You can reach the island from the shore of Calamba, Laguna. The resort has a fleet of fiberglass boats to bring visitors to the island and back. Each boat can carry 20-50 people. The five-minute ride is itself one of the attractions of the resort. Guests can also rent a houseboat and go on a breakfast cruise on the lake.

Wonder Island boasts of warm spring water that, according to resort owner Rodolfo Pua, has been declared potable by water analysts in the United States.

Pua says he sent samples of the island's spring water to Chemical Solutions Ltd. in California for testing. The spring water passed all the tests, he says.

In addition to six warm spring water pools, the resort has a fiberglass-roofed pool for those who want to avoid sun exposure. A 400-sq-m children's pool with an umbrella shower can be enjoyed by kids and adults.

The resort has a multistory condotel, which can accommodate 1,000 guests at a time. A dormitory-type building is available for big groups.

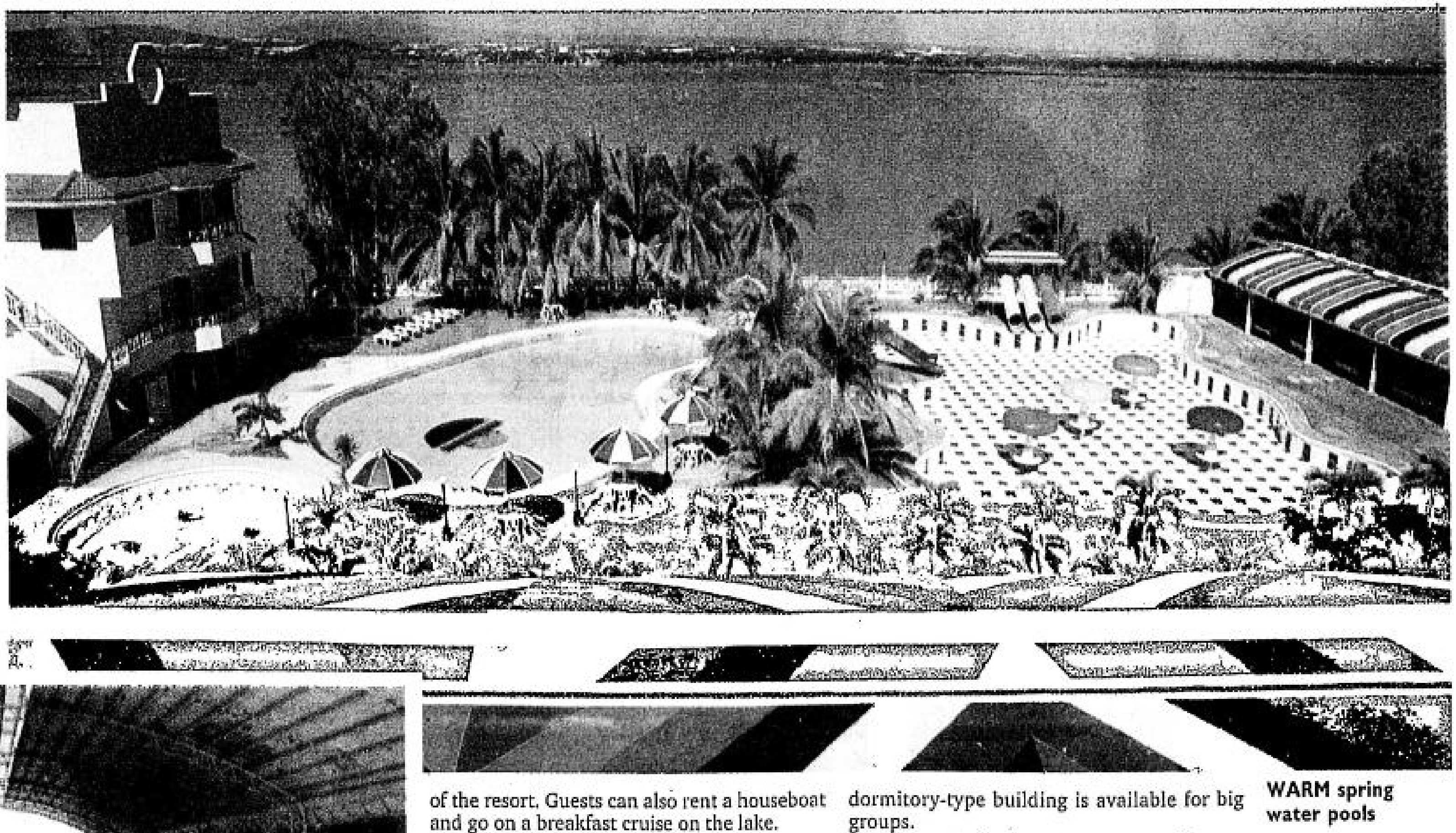
The resort also has a two-story conference hall for seminars and social functions. It can be a venue for weddings and receptions. A videoke is available for those who like to do a Frank Sinatra or an Aiza Seguerra.

The buildings offer a terrific view of the bay and the Makati skyline.

For the sports-minded, an expanse of green grass is ready for ball games, jogging or simply walking.

Those who want to commune with nature can sit on benches located on elevated spots of the island to watch the sunset. A chapel also sits on a hilltop.

Nancy Carvajal


WARM spring water pools

A FIBERGLASS-ROOFED pool for those who want to avoid sun exposure.

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Squirrelfish, Black-tailed Dascyllus, Longfin Bannerfish, Coral Cardinalfish, Percula Clown and Blue Damsel, all caught by net. Lectures on "How to Set up a Basic Aquarium" will also be held by Asap.

Other features are the Submarine Video wall, Let's Take Our Photo area, the WFF-Phils.' Stick a Fish, "Save Our Seas'" signature campaign against overfishing and the regulation of fishing practices through strict law enforcement.

Catch the "Save the Seas Summer Adventure Exhibit" at SM Southmall until April 27; SM City Fairview, April 29 to May 4; SM City Manila, May 6-10; SM City Pampanga, May 12-17; SM Supercenter Sucat, May 19-24; and the SM Megamall Atrium A, May 27-30.

Whale and dolphin watching sessions will be held May 4 at SM City Fairview and May 19 at SM Supercenter Sucat; interactive sessions on marine mammals, May 10, at SM City Manila; the environment with the University of the Philippines Divers on May 24 at SM Supercenter Sucat; and water safety tips on May 31 at SM Megamall. Storytelling and drawing sessions will also be held starting April 12 in different SM malls.

SM Star Club 2001 grand prizewinners Miguel Aguila and Shanah Caratiquet, who visited the exhibit at the SM Megamall, learned a few things about marine creatures:

- *Dugongs,* called sea cows because they love munching on sea grass, can now only be found in Palawan, Southern Mindanao and the Sulo Archipelago. They have been around for more than 60 million years.
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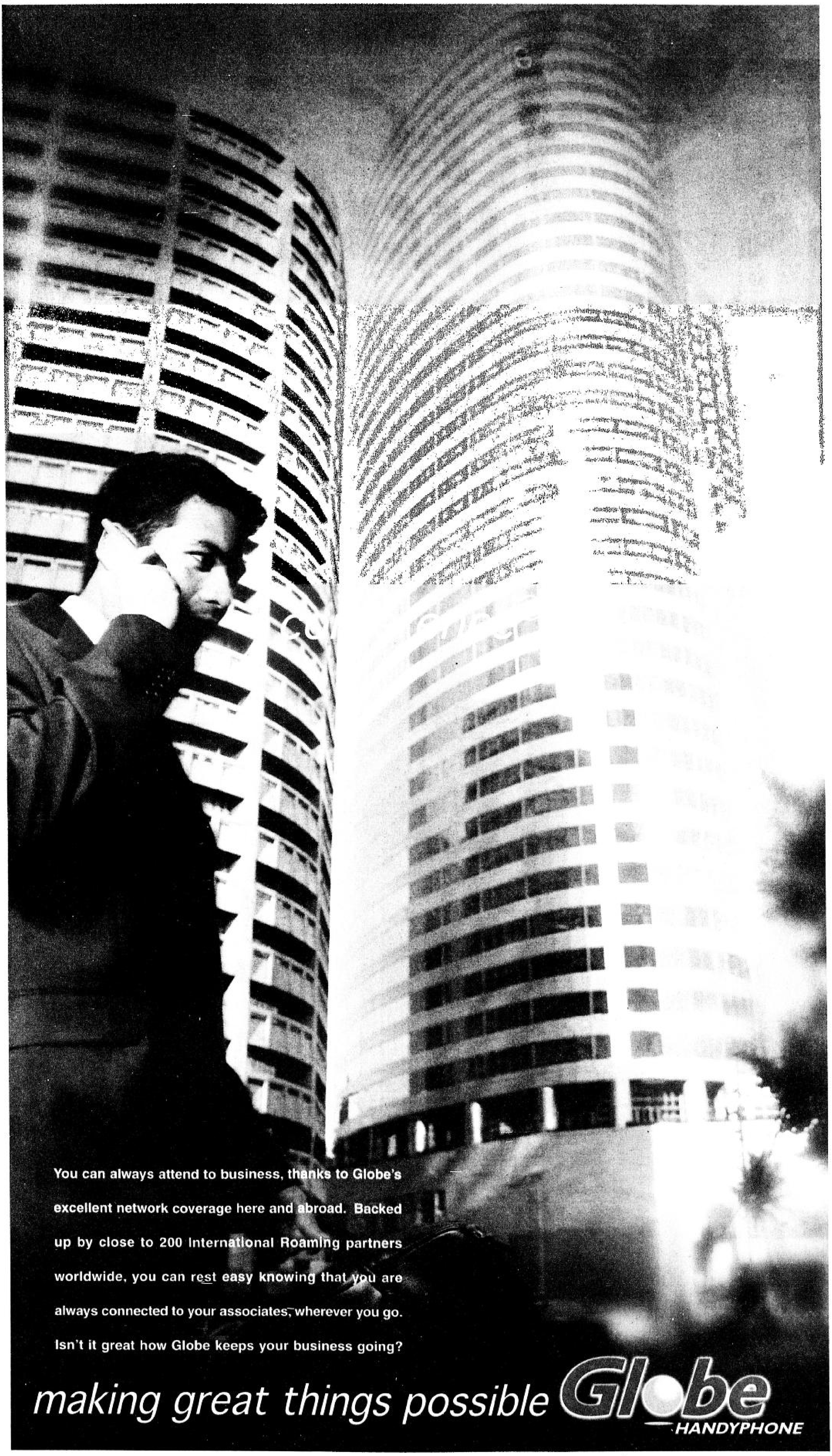

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Spring flurry

By Kitty Go
Contributor

HONG KONG—The city may be in a recession and, needless to say, consumers can smell "sales" (as in 50 percent off) coming up just as soon as the spring deliveries go on the floor. Basic items may not move. Iconic seasonal looks that will date before the week is over will struggle to walk out of the stores. However, there are some lines that remain successful through trying times not because they are fashion giants but because they have niche positions catering to select customers they never disappoint year after year.

They are not exactly household names like Prada, Louis Vuitton or Fendi. The designers are hardly celebrities like Tom Ford or Donatella Versace who provide not only the most publicized looks but also tabloid fodder. To fashion observers, Junya Watanabe, Yohji Yamamoto and Dries Van Noten are names that have been synonymous with great pieces without the blatant recognition of their labels or their celebrity. Lines like these separate the girls from the women, the victims from the victors and the simply fashionable from the truly stylish.

The wonder of Watanabe

Little is known about Junya Watanabe except that he studied at the prestigious Bunka-fukuso Gakuin Institute in Tokyo (alma mater of design masters Issey Miyake and Yohji Yamamoto) and, in 1984, joined Rei Kawakubo at her successful label Comme Des Garcons. He started as Kawakubo's assistant and is now her protégé. In 1987, he started designing the Comme des Garcons Tricot (knits) line. In 1992, Kawakubo gave him his own label, Junya Watanabe for Comme des Garcons. He is probably best remembered for last year's ice-cream colored layered organza dresses that looked like accordion paper decorations.

Not some minute experimental division, Watanabe's popular line makes up 15 percent of the total Comme business. The upscale Hong Kong retailer Joyce cannot keep enough pieces in stock. A press preview of the line was postponed because spring's first delivery of denims sold out in less than two weeks. These are not inexpensive pieces, with prices starting at HK $2,000-15,000 for a French-seamed distressed denim evening gown with a frayed hem.

This spring collection has been hailed by retailers as his best ever. Watanabe takes inspiration from the look of old garments such as faded cabbage rose prints or Liberty florals

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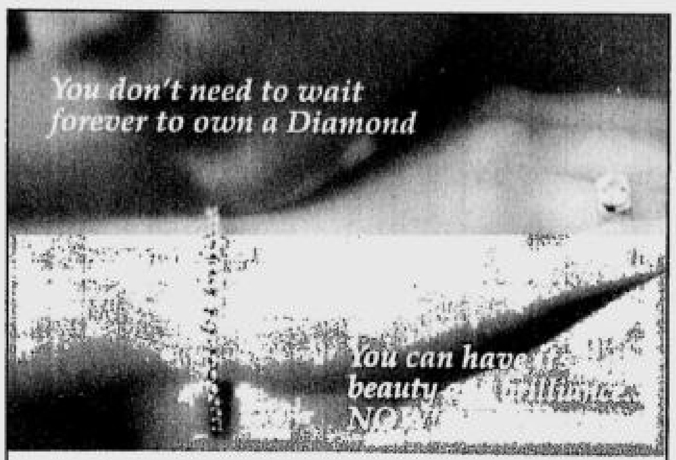

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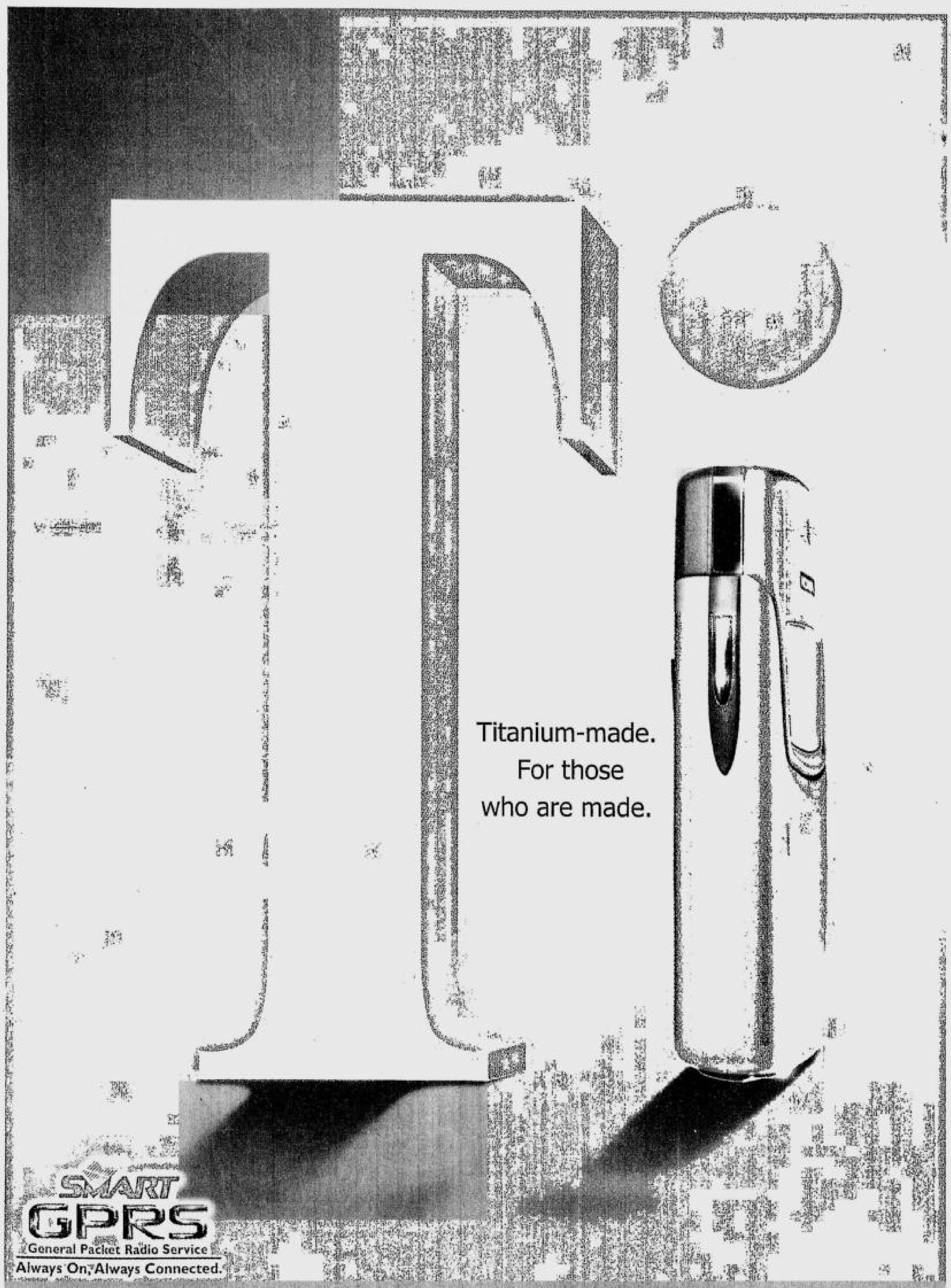

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Spring flurry

THIS sequined belt sold out before it made it to the shelves.

From Junya Watanabe comes Liberty florals on chintz and recycled denim; Dries Van Noten uses large flowers in fuchsia, and Yohji Yamamoto dresses up once-lowly sneakers in wildly printed ottoman and brocade

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on chintz and recycled denim, stonewashed and bleached. His use of denim extends to his first men's line where he has a year's collaboration with Levi's to use the jeans manufacturer's labels and fabrics on his quirky styles.

Take note of Van Noten

Another designer to take up the "used clothing" bandwagon is Antwerp-based Belgian designer Dries Van Noten. Watanabe may be doing faded, lived-in looks this season but Dries Van Noten has made a living out of the look. Van Noten comes from a family of tailors, yet his lines from his beginnings in 1984 are far from rigid. The line verges on the sloppy yet it conveys a "jet-setting hippie" feeling. Generally, his inspiration comes from India but every line has a newness that starts a waiting list even in a city where anything less than pulled together "Dynasty"-looking glamour puts you on the C-list.

Van Noten's strength comes from designing exclusive fabrics and prints using painstaking methods and complicated patterns. This limits the quantities available and maintains exclusivity, thus the rich-hippie feeling. "There are 800 pieces in this spring collection which our stores and outlets around the world choose from," says Sophie Verbeke of the Commercial Office in Antwerp. "There is no one piece that I can recommend because there is something for everyone."

Van Noten uses large flowers like anemones and hortensias in fuchsia, orange and pink. He also has tie-dyed, marbled prints blurred with minimal contrast. Combinations such as petrol and bottle green or deep purple and black are not unusual. For men, he sends out oversized navy blazers and frayed baggy chinos worn together with pinstriped shirts with monotone floral etchings and the requisite tie askew. Also: colorful printed shirts and what looked like his idea of a Hawaiian shirt.

Mandy Fung, manager of the Dries Van Noten store in Landmark, says that key pieces sell out within the first delivery, even before any formal presentation to customers. Oversized leather shoulder bags and HK$2,900 sequined double belts sold out before hitting the shelves. This spring, Van Noten is banking on the wrap top and here in Hong Kong, there are only a few pieces left to be had.

Other pieces on the wait list include a dark blue linen coat with embroidered and sequined sleeves at HK$9,900, and a hand embroidered and appliquéd full skirt in a burlap weave in linen and silk at HK$11,000.

The fashion presentation to select clients yielded a stampede that resulted in a sellout of various belts and scarves, Indian-style embroidered gauze tops at HK$6,900 and chocolate-colored bikinis at HK$900. Even the Converse-inspired men's sneakers in pale pink, blue and cognac pebbled leather are down to the last few pairs.

Yohji's sporting life

Designers seem to have taken to sneakers in a big way this spring although the French bridge line Agnes B. has carried two-tone Le Coq Sportif trainers for years. Watanabe and Van Noten have Converse-inspired sneakers in their men's lines, in bright canvas and in subdued colors in leathers and canvas, respectively. Dolce and Gabanna is delivering a multicolored one this spring that reflects the flamboyance of the line. Christian Dior has released striped versions, including one that looks like a slipper. Last year, Bottega Veneta did Vans-inspired woven versions. So did Louis Vuitton, using their floral and stars logo print. DKNY has carried a variety of fashionable trainers for years. Gucci went down the Converse route while Chanel used converted Reeboks.

Of all the designer sneakers that have come out, not one comes close to the desirability (and price!) of those created by Yohji Yamamoto and Adidas. The foundation of each style is a flexible sole, not unlike a wrestling shoe and the signature three Adidas stripes. The Yohji versions, from HK$1,900-4,600, come in suede, calf leather or in wildly printed ottoman and brocade. These may be the new iconic products for the award-winning designer (French Chevalier de l'Order des Arts et Lettres and the Fashion Group of America's Designer of the Year) who changed the way fashion looked at sophistication with dark, cocoon-like clothing. The sneaker may be the Yohji product of this decade, much like his coveted black jackets in the '80s.

For spring, Yamamoto brought back leggings worn with a draped, oversized top and sneakers, of course. Could there be a serious return to the much-ballyhooed leggings? Dries Van Noten had super-slim trousers that bunched at the ankles worn under skirts in his line. Yamamoto's spring line had athletic references, such as cropped track jackets and pull-on pants. Many of the tops were short in front and long at the back, with necklines slipping off the shoulders à la "Flashdance" or thick braids hanging from hems or sleeves. (Yamamoto extends spring's look into fall 2002 with single side-striped track pants and oversized tailcoats.)

The Yohji Yamamoto line always looks complicated and fussy (cerebral to kinder critics) on the runway, but its draw has always been great fabrics and masterful workmanship. A Yohji does not scream and from afar, simple pieces could be mistaken for (gasp!) Banana Republic or J. Crew. However, nothing beats a Yohji up close and, more importantly, the wearer savors the comfort and timeless style each piece brings. As someone told me about Porsches, "Driving a Porsche is such an experience. You'll never forget you're driving a great car." Much like a Yohji Yamamoto—you'll never forget you have one on.

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3 hot summer promos

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Here's hotter news from Triumph: Three summer promos are ongoing at Triumph counters in Metro Manila.

Until May 31, there's a "Bare Hot Summer" promo on Triumph brassieres. Every P700 purchase of Triumph Maximizer, Beedees or Fashion detachable styles will entitle the buyer to free groovy, trendy and ultra-feminine bra straps, which are meant to be shown off and bared out of tube blouses, spaghetti straps or off-the-shoulder caftan fashions. The colorful straps—pearlized, dotted with honey-sweet flowerets and dainty—come in pink, lavender, peach, blue and black and white and can be mixed and matched and worn as accent pieces. They are the perfect for tanned or milky white shoulders.

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Triumph Philippines has also tied up with Reckitt Benckiser (Phils.) Inc., the global leader in household products and makers of Vanish—bleach that removes tough everyday stains safely and surely. In its "Vanish Magnificent Must-Have" promo, any single purchase of any brand of Triumph briefs—Sloggi, Lilia or Sweeties—automatically gives the buyer two 30-g sachets of Vanish Stain Remover, which will come in handy during those special feminine days. Every P350 purchase on Sloggi, Lilia or Sweeties entitles the buyer to an all-girl gift pack made up of multipurpose hamper (great for throwing those undies in), one 180-ml bottle of Vanish plus one 30-g Vanish sachets. Promo runs until May 15.

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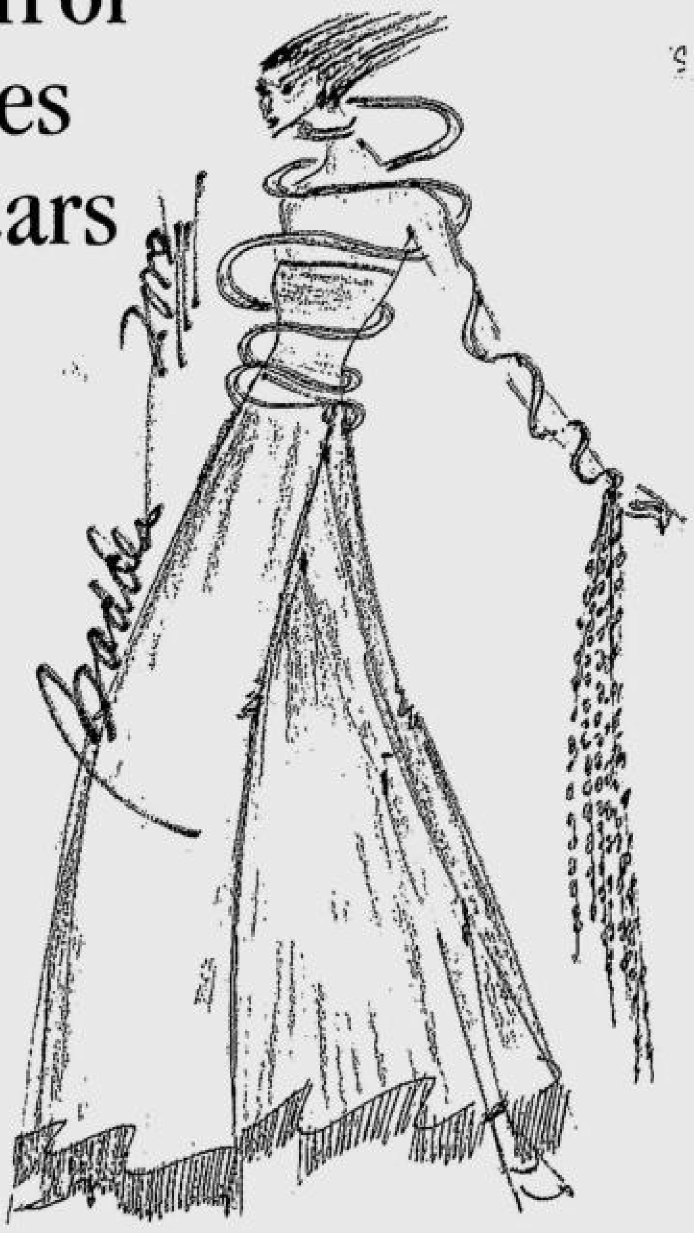
Baddeo does glamour and glitter while Bacudio offers a collection of hip couture for the young. Peralta's creations carry a subtle



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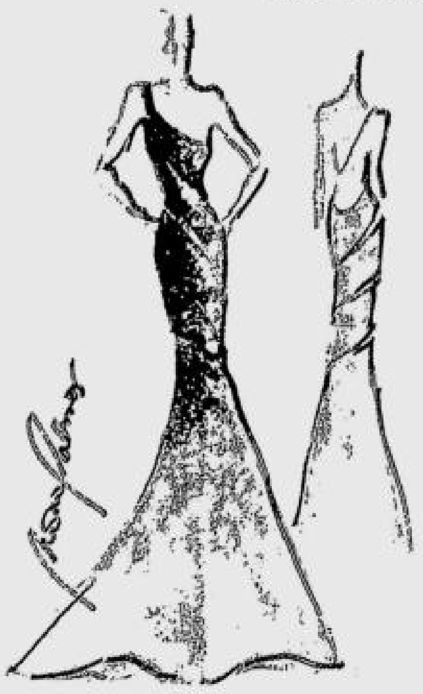

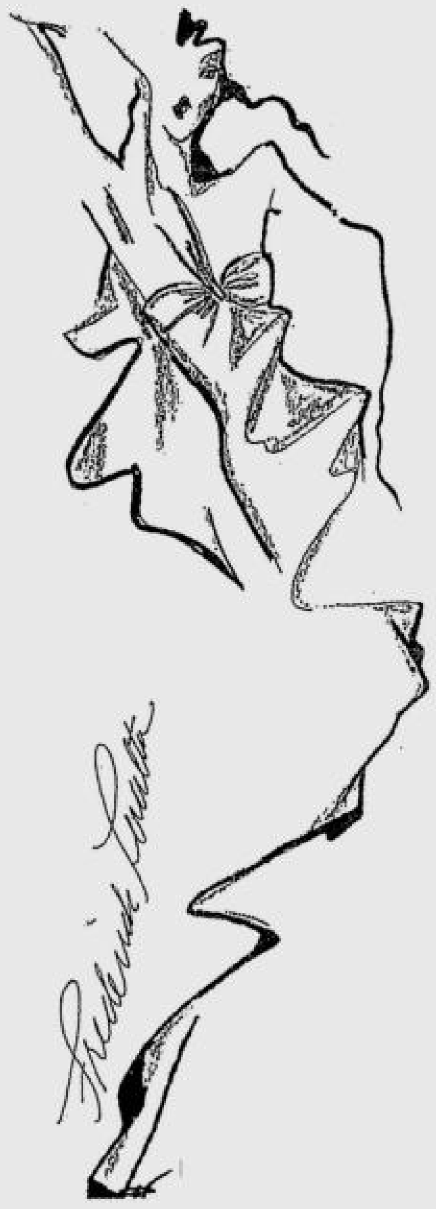

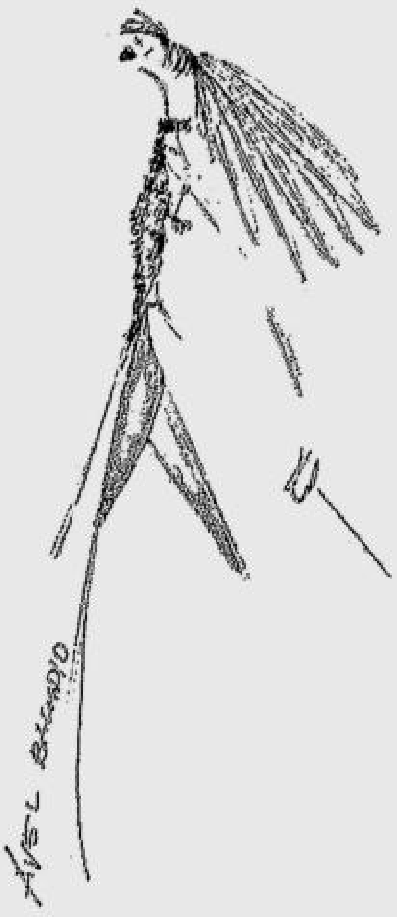

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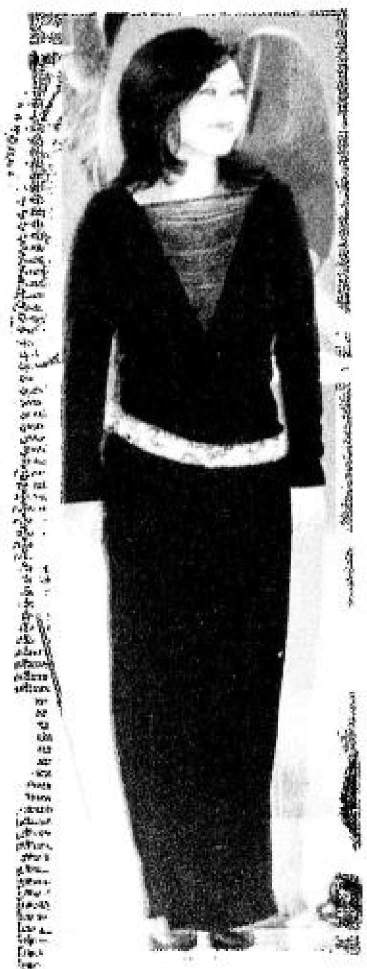
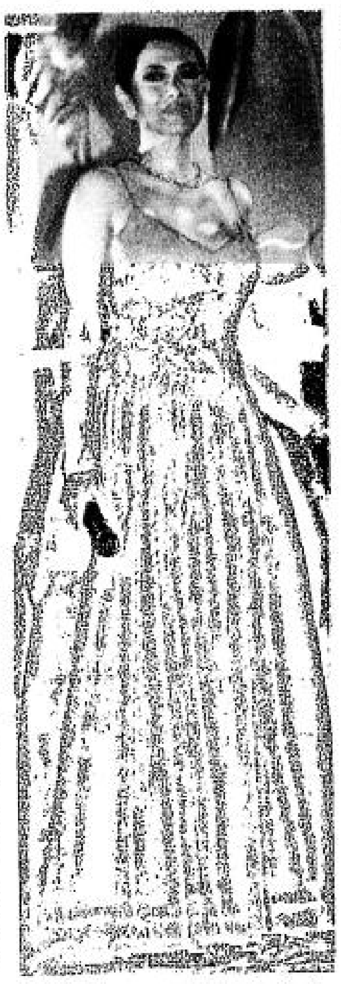
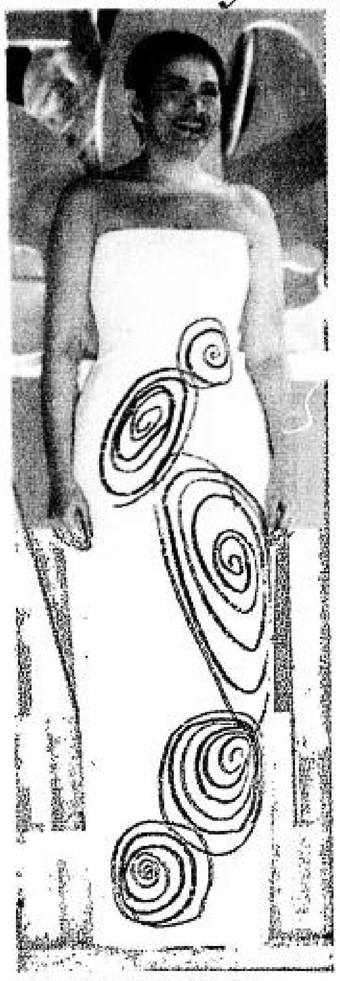


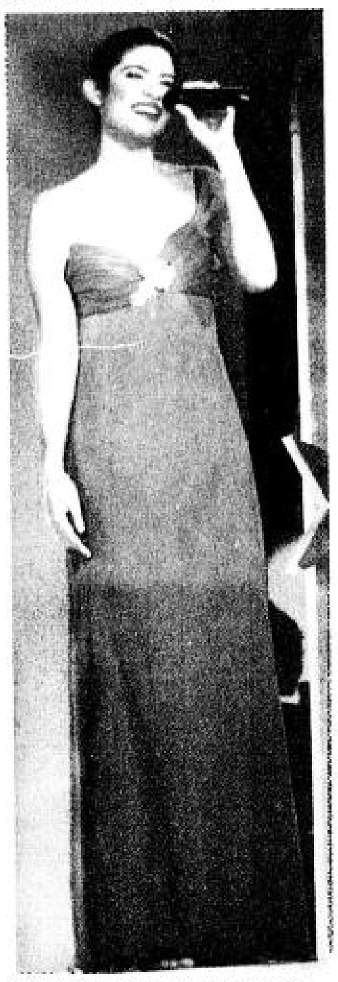
V IS FOR VICTORY. Despite the snub from Famas, Maricel Soriano looks like a winner in Inno Sotto's black column with a V-shaped neckline joined together by frayed thread. She accents the look with a rhinestone-studded hipster belt.



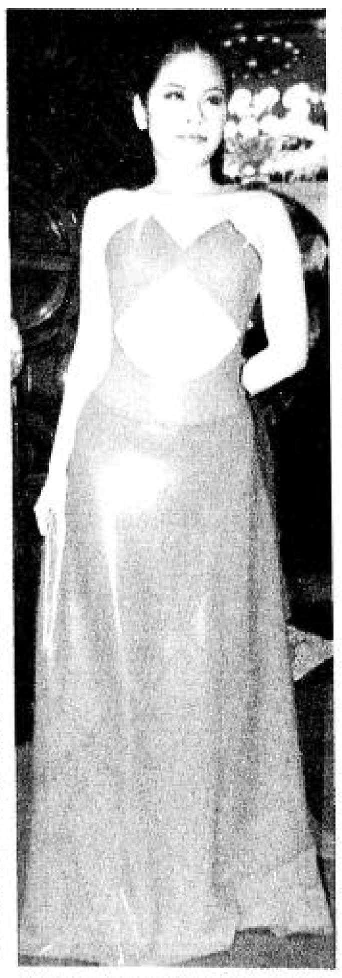
10 YEARS TOO LATE. Ruffa Gutierrez looks like an overgrown debutante in Vera Wang's shirred, spaghetti-strapped number.



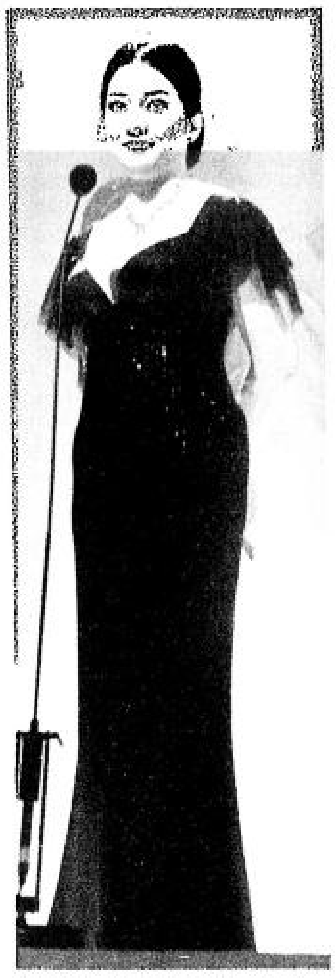
WINNING FORMULA. Lorna Tolentino slips into a tried-and-tested silhouette with favorable results. The strapless crepe de Chine column, this time in white, reminds us of the pink gown with black panels she wore recently.



STANDING TALL. Assunta de Rossi continues her winning streak in the fashion department in Inno Sotto's empire cut silk chiffon gown with all the classic staples: shirred bustline, draped extension and that trademark brooch.



SYNTHETIC SERPENT. Aleck Bovick slips into a fiberglass melon cutout straight from the pages of Darna Komiks. The only things missing are the big hair and headgear.



FAIR GAME. Black becomes Kris Aquino as the color, décolleté and vertical beadwork flatter her figure and smooth, creamy skin.

Famas fantasies and phantasms

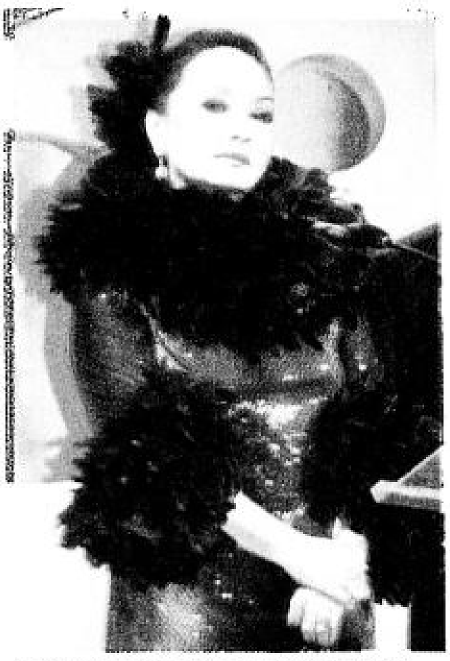
Pops Fernandez does a Gwyneth Paltrow, Ruffa Gutierrez hangs in a Vera Wang, Lorna Tolentino plays it safe, non-nominee Maricel Soriano upstages nominees

By Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

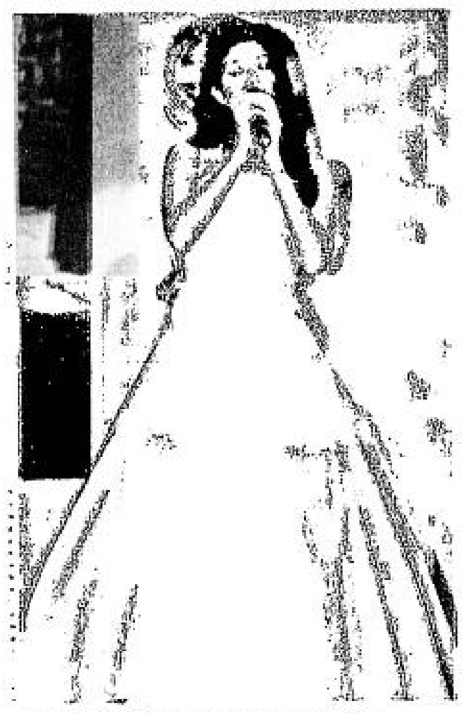
DARN it! Due to the low turnout of stars during the recent Famas awards night, we now find ourselves running out of clothes to diss. But don't despair yet because we spotted a few fashion anomalies that would've surely given you sore eyes.

Pops Fernandez should start thinking of changing her title from Concert Queen to Gwyneth Paltrow of the Philippines. Why? Like Pops, Gwyneth had begun her accent to stardom as a fashion icon before becoming a certified actress.

Of late, however, both fashionistas have slipped into a fashion free-fall, tinkering with their look every so often with disastrous results. The sheer, ill-fitting stretch-tulle top a raccoon-eyed Gwyneth wore to the recent Oscars made it on everyone's worst-dressed list. One fashion critic even called the gown "unforgivable," never mind if Alexander McQueen designed it.



SATINE SATIRE. The incorrigible Celia Rodriguez does a "Moulin Rouge."



DECENT EXPOSURE. Geneva Cruz eschews her trademark barely-there outfits in favor of this white sleeveless number with a huge petticoat.

Well, Pops' shimmery violet and gold cheongsam is likewise "unpardonable." Thank goodness the halter with a front slit wasn't in red and gold. Otherwise, we would have mistaken Pops for a waitress who had just crossed over from nearby Ginza—the Manila Hotel's Chinese restaurant—to the Fiesta Pavilion, the event's venue, to moonlight as a singer.

The slit, by the way, didn't flatter her ample legs. And what's with the straight-permed, wig-like hair? Her tresses were too dull for such a shiny outfit. If I were Pops' manager I would fire her stylist, pronto!

Isn't it about time for Pops to cease and desist from experimenting and stick with the tried-and-tested? She's not exactly that young anymore. Even a daring clotheshorse like her is no longer cannot remain impervious to fashion fiascoes forever.

Safe

She should have taken her cue from Lorna Tolentino, who again played it safe by slipping into a strapless crepe de Chine column, a variation of Paul Cabral's lovely pink gown she had worn several weeks ago to the FAP awards. This time LT went for plain white except for swirls of black sequins that accented the front. Again, Paul succeeded in flattering the actress' figure.

We just have one minor quibble with it: the gown looked too plain whenever LT turned her back on the audience. Similar beadwork should have adorned the gown's back. We take our hats off to Paul, though, for coming up with such a clean, finely stitched creation. Every designer knows that it's much harder to hide bumps, bulges and creases using bright fabrics.

On the other hand, Inno Sotto was savvy enough not to withhold behind-the-scene attention. Maricel Soriano's black, long-sleeved column made of marocain (a type of crepe fabric) looked absolutely stylish, with rows upon rows of frayed horizontal thread belonging to the same fabric joining the low V-shaped neckline together. The same painstaking detail showed on Maricel's back.

Inno then fashioned a rhinestone-studded hipster belt to add some glitter to the Diamond Star. Such an illusion made the petite actress look taller and slimmer.

Standing tall

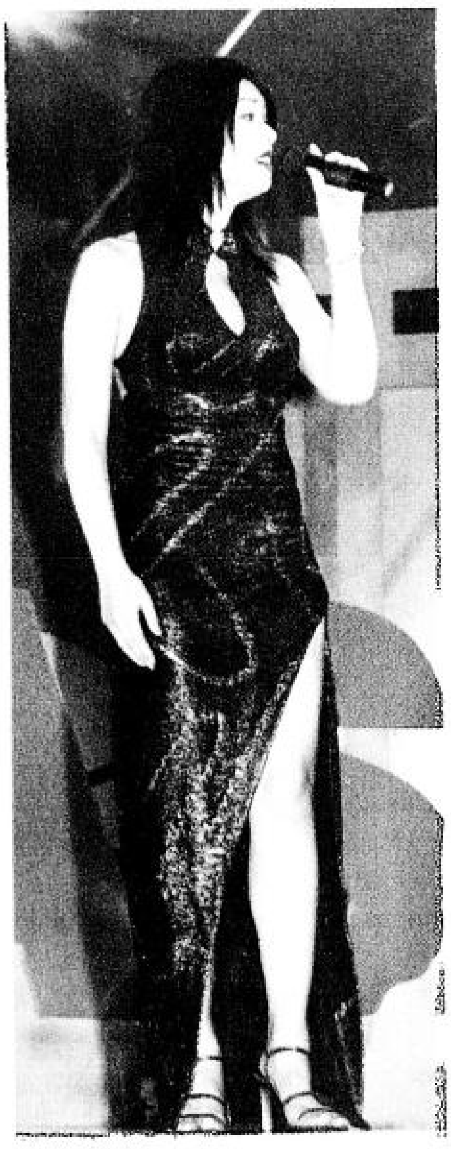
Assunta de Rossi also stood tall in Inno's empire cut gown made of silk chiffon in peacock blue. The gown had all the makings of an Inno classic: sheered bustline, draped extension and that trademark brooch. The well-endowed actress carried the gown with aplomb.

After looking like a beauty queen in Inno's lime green corset several weeks ago, Ruffa Gutierrez looked like a hefty bridesmaid in a spaghetti-strapped fuchsia creation by Vera Wang. The drop waist and shirred skirt reeked havoc on Ruffa's full hips, making her look like an overgrown debutante who came to her party 10 years too late.

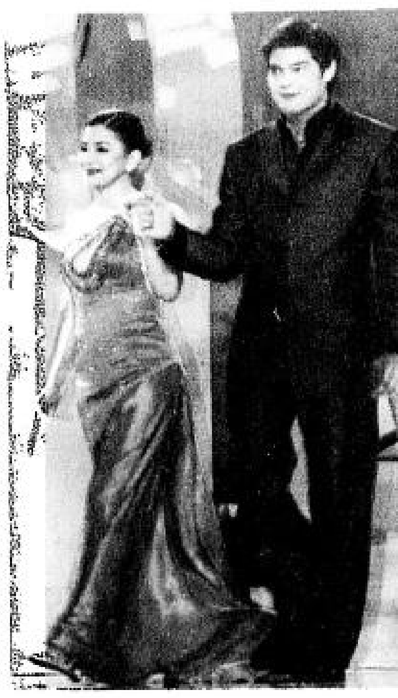
Geneva Cruz, meanwhile, looked like a bride in a white gown with a fitted bodice and huge petticoat skirt (was a man hiding there?). Not exactly one of the evening's best gowns, but it was a refreshing departure from the slutty, barely-there outfits she used to wear in the past.

In contrast, Kris Aquino succeeded in toning down her full figure in Paul Cabral's black gown with a vertically beaded bodice, hanky-drop sleeves and flared skirt. The décolleté flattered her chest and exposed her fair complexion. Jul Dizon had pieced together a necklace made from diamonds and semiprecious stones from Kris' old bracelets to go with the outfit.

Dina Bonnevie's beaded aqua number with a Venus neckline and peek-a-boo by Nono Palmos looked too busy. An actress with such a lovely face should never hide behind a gazillion beads.



DIMSUM DISASTER. Pops Fernandez looks like a waitress in a Chinese restaurant in this shimmery, cheongsam-like halter with a front slit that only succeeds in emphasizing her ample leg. Gwyneth Paltrow is in good company.

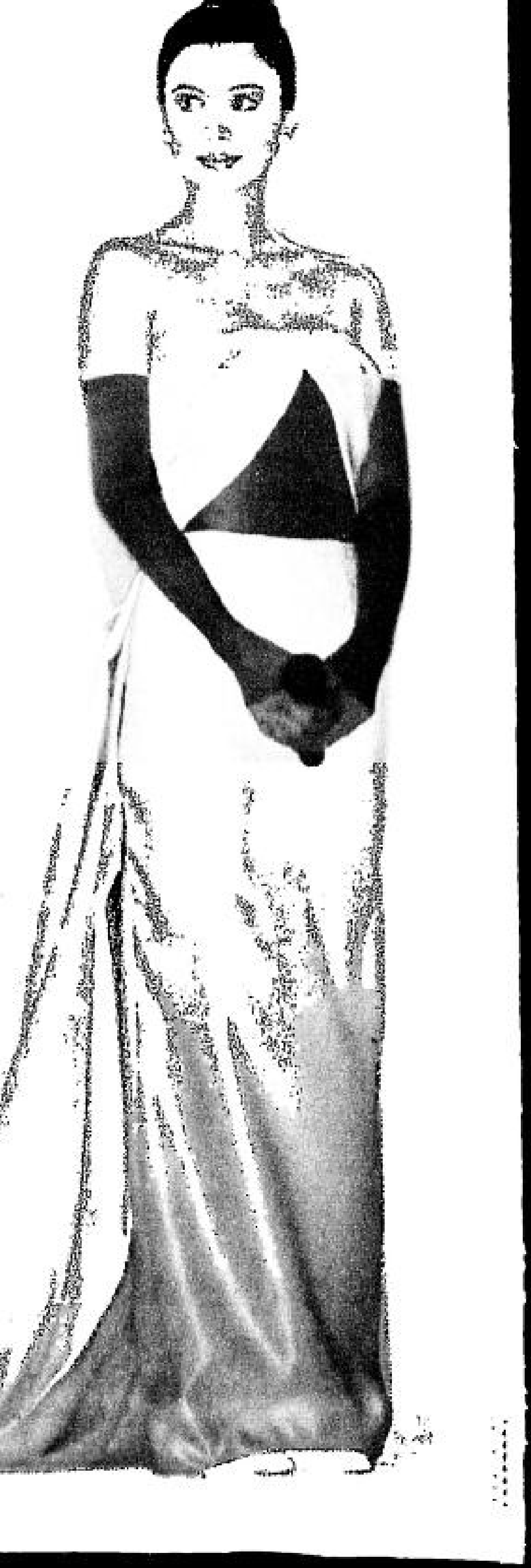


BUSY BODY. Dina Bonnevie, escorted by Dingdong Dantes, slips into a beaded gown with a peek-a-boo.

Sunshine Cruz, who wore her hair up, knows this too well. The glamorous Ms Montano looked like a throwback to the 1950s in Eric Pineda's strapless gown with a draped bodice and beribboned bustle made of monochromatic Italian satin. She finished off the look with a pair of long gloves and diamond earrings. No beads, bracelet and necklace, thank you.

Time, it seems, hasn't tempered Celia Rodriguez's fashion sense a bit. The veteran actress looked like Lola the aging showgirl of Copacabana in a beaded gown with plumose accents on the neck and sleeves. Minimalism has definitely no room in her closet.

And what are we to make of Aleck Bovick's synthetic look? The bold star seemed to have jumped straight out of the pages of Darna Komiks in her intergalactic melon cutout made of shiny fiberglass. While at it, she should have worn her hair down and borrowed Wonder Woman's headgear to go with the outfit. Darna, er, darn it!



STUDIO SYSTEM. Sunshine Cruz is dolled up like a '50s screen siren in Eric Pineda's strapless gown with matching gloves and bustle. The bodice is draped for added drama.

Macramé belts, 'The Nanny Diaries' and the return of Star TV

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

T'NT trend report. What's hot? Macramé belt. It's the hottest accessory this summer that should adorn every fashionable lady's waist. The belt saw its debut in the '70s, but this time around, it takes a bit of a twist and an updated hippie look. The look has taken the world by storm. Check out what women are wearing every Friday and Saturday in the metropolis: Low-slung faded denims, hip-hugging bags, psychedelic colors and the ever-popular peasant blouse (for the best in this look, check out Wink by **Rhett Eala** and **Tyler**). All over the world women just can't get enough of the peasant blouse. Don't forget to put on the macramé belt to complete the look.

Must-read book—"The Nanny Diaries." First-time authors **Emma McLaughlin** and **Nicola Kraus** chronicle the life of a nanny based on actual events. It's hilarious. The nanny takes care of the only child of a wealthy man and his snobbish wife, who has no time to raise her 4-year-old child but has all the time to shop, lunch with the girls, do yoga, take Botox, etc.

Sounds like some women I know. The authors have actually worked as nannies for several wealthy families, so they know what they are talking about. The book is so successful in the US that Miramax has bought the film rights. Wouldn't it be great to have some enterprising *yaya* come out with a similar book? Think about all the dirt: The mother heavily spending on luxuries but refusing to give a salary advance, the nanny finding the tanga of the man's mistress in the bedroom, or the man using his wife's makeup and clothes... Now that spells like a Pinoy bestseller!

Eye spy. Two weeks ago, I was invited to the Habitat fund- raiser at Dish. It was fun. The Rage band performed '80s music. Estranged pair **Jacques Dupasquier** and **Pops Fernandez** were there. Pops, who is one of my best friends, looked smashing. My two cents worth about their relationship: Time to move on! And I am sure that they have.

I also attended the last day of the Philippine fashion week at Glorietta. It left me asking, what was I doing here? The worst part was seeing my 15-year-old brother who made me feel that it was time for me to take the way of the Botox. I headed with some friends to Buddha Bar on top of Venezia. I loved the décor and the ambience. It was a really cool place to lounge and check out the town's pretty young things.

The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism reported on the "boiler room king" **Amador Pastrana**, who allegedly amassed $6 billion in eight years by running 150 boiler rooms in nine countries. Boiler rooms are cramped office spaces that have telemarketers who con people into investing in non-existent businesses.

In a recent dinner I attended, the other hot conversation topics were the Israel-Palestine war, the worsening poverty in Manila, the never-ending Abu Sayyaf and kidnappings. I realized that the only way to avoid a breakdown because of these depressing matters was to be sure I had great food, ambience and company! The dinner I had was in the home of noted designer **Yola Johnson** (owner of Soumak) and husband **Patrick**. The other guests included **Robert** and **Iso Montelibano**, **Bea Zobel Jr.** and **Mariles Lastrilla**. We felt so privileged to sample the culinary creations of Yola's son, **Rolando Laudico**, a most sought-after caterer and chef. He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, New York. He created mouth-watering delights such as Andalusian gazpacho for soup, salad, broiled sea bass on *paella*, stuffed tomatoes with asparagus and *chorizo* oil for main course, and valhrona chocolate soufflé with strawberry coulis for dessert. The gastronomic delight coupled with Yola's fantastic table décor and Bea's passionate conversation made it a memorable evening. You may reach chef Laudico at 728-8035 or 0917-3505209.

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Last Wednesday, I caught the cocktails for **Rafe (Totengco)** at Mix, where he showcased his world-renowned bags. A lot of Manila's fashionable women were there to snap up the prized pieces. On the same night, I went to the home of **Louie** and **Cecille Ysmael** for dinner. Cecille, who is a great cook, whipped up a gastronomic delight that everyone kept coming back for seconds.

Louie, a leader of Manila's nightlife, played fantastic music from the Stargazer and Louie Y era. Joining us was my favorite French couple, **Melissa Lopez** and husband **Joel Journe**.

I went home quite late and turned on the TV and I thought I saw an apparition. There on my screen were Star TV, Sports, Movies, ESPN and National Geographic.

The next day, I called up **Pat-P Daza** of ABS-CBN. She told me that SkyCable had reacquired the channels. Did that mean ABS-CBN had paid all its debts? Because when I spoke to a Star TV executive in Hong Kong, he told me a mouthful. SkyCable and the Lopezes, thank you for bringing the channels back. When everyone wanted to transfer to other cable channels, I did not (maybe since tenants in my building thought it was too expensive and cumbersome). The restoration of the missed channels makes up for the **Rico Yan** coverage when the network showed commercials during the funeral.

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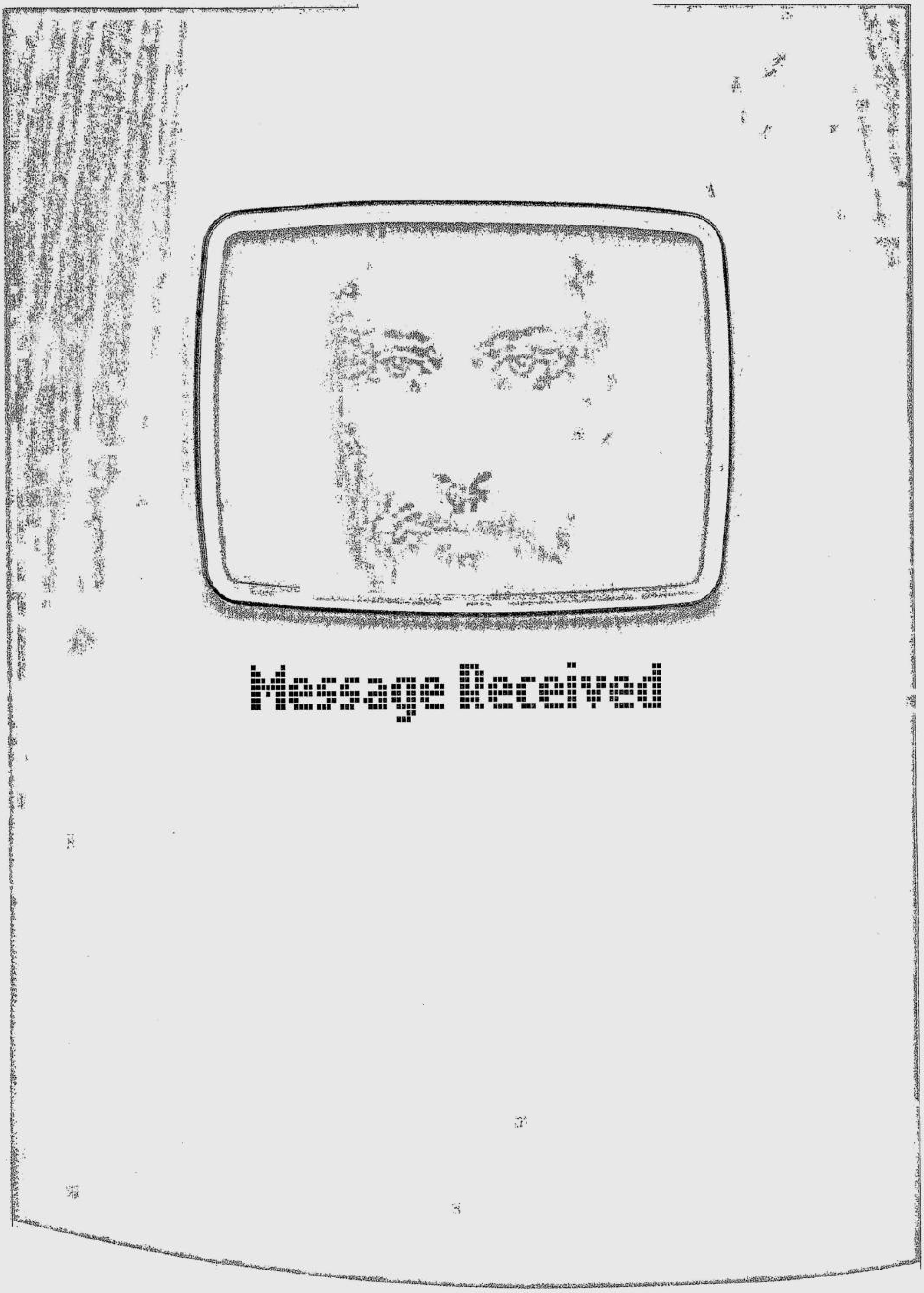

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High life in the desert

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By Constantino C. Tejero

THERE could have been no more interesting time to go into the heart of the Arabic world. The region was on fire.

The Israelis and the Palestinians were massacring one another in central Jerusalem and on the West Bank. And so were the Hindu extremists and the Islamic militants in western India. Saddam Hussein was threatening to stop Iraq's oil export to the West. The whole Arabic world was raising hue and cry over a perceived persecution of Muslims. While six Filipinos, newly arrived from a monsoon country, were wandering in the desert heat.

Two weeks ago, representatives from the major Philippine newspapers were invited by the government of the United Arab Emirates to foster better understanding between the two countries, the UAE being the Philippines' third-biggest trading partner in the Middle East. The one-week experience was a sensory overload, from the moment we arrived.

We thought Abu Dhabi and Dubai were big factory towns under construction in the desert—the kind of impression we got from the stories brought by Overseas Filipino Workers from the Middle East. Imagine our surprise when we got there.

Welcoming us at the Airport Duty Free in Abu Dhabi was the central column whose upper portion spread out into a dome mimicking the peacock's tail, a magnificent mosaic of green, blue and white ceramic shards said to be created in five years. (We asked, Why would these people spend so much time adorning the ceiling of a conglomerate of boutiques? Well, the Pyramids took longer.)

Desert playground

Our first breakfast was started with a delicate cup of Arabic coffee flavored with cardamum, and we thought, Why, this is like drinking flowers. Then came the kiwi juice, with its rough texture and strange taste and color, and we added, Oh, and this is like drinking grass.

From then on, at every function, we were served with a variety of teas with various spices in various densities and degrees of sweetness, we felt like luxuriating in flowers. The strangest was the Persian ice cream at our final dinner, a mind-boggling concoction with the texture of ordinary sherbet but flavored with rosewater and garnished with white slender noodles. Crisp flowers, if you could call it that.

And there were flowers everywhere, and not just the metaphorical ones, too. This landscape that was once desert as recently as in the 1960s has been transformed into what looks like a combination park and vegetable farm, earning it the moniker as the Switzerland of the Middle East.

Since huge oil reserves (9 percent of the world's known resources) were discovered in Abu Dhabi in 1958, then in Dubai in 1966, rapid change has overcome the land. State-of-the-art buildings have sprouted, vying for the perpetually cloudless sky. Desalination of seawater was practiced as early as the 1930s, but the economic boom brought the Emiratis the high-tech equipment, along with the highest-paid architects and engineers in the world.

People are now rich that everyone seems to be just coasting along. Like His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, the people are quite enthusiastic about sports so that they have made both land and sea their playground.

They have a race for everything, from camels to dhows, from horses to cars and speedboats. The young, high on designer drugs and driving the latest-model sports cars, are on a road rage. (The width and desolation of the six-lane highways encourage this. Road fatalities average two a day.)

Precious rain

The greening program has been quite extensive. Nearly 200-million trees have been planted, and not just date palms but acacias, too, and other trees you can find in the African

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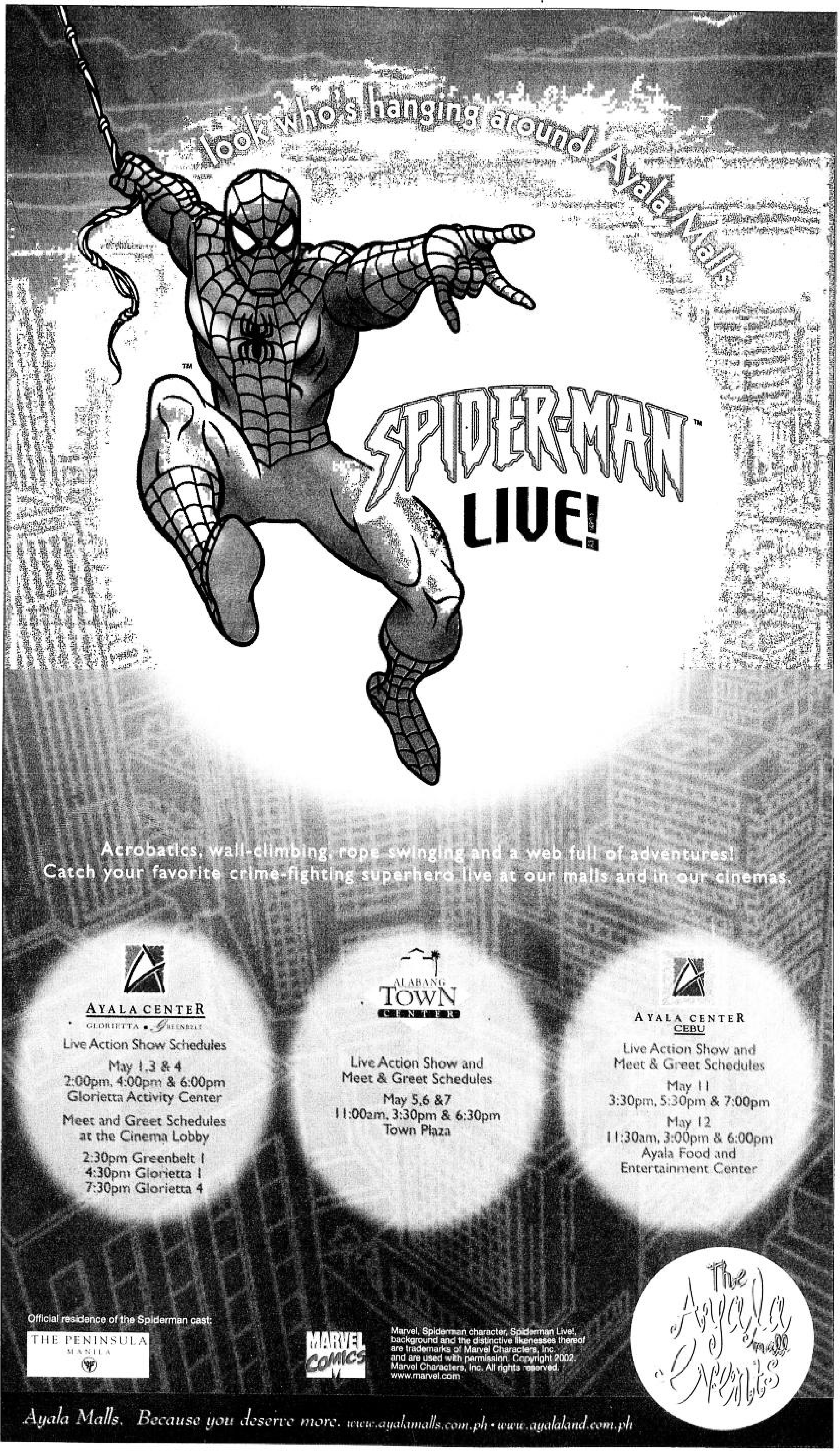

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High life in the desert

The most liberal of the Arab states is a tourist and shopper haven

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savannah. And perpetually blooming flowers, nourished by invisible sprinklers underground, have been neatly arranged in various patterns along roadsides and boulevards.

There is a predominance of blue, gray and white saturating the buildings, streets and clothing of the Emiratis, which could only be reflecting the water, sand and sky of their world. A dash of color in the landscape has a startling effect. So when we saw those flowers, and the trees, and the grass, we were overwhelmed.

And this in a land with an arid subtropical climate, where, during the hottest months of July and August, the temperature reaches 50°C. And during winter, from November to January, when the temperature can sink to 15°C, rain comes at an average of once a month, and the people feel fortunate if it continues to rain for an hour.

"Four or five days of rain, and we're happy," said Labor and Social Affairs Undersecretary Khalid Al Khazraji.

We took pity and laughingly invited him to visit our monsoon country. Rain we could offer him in abundance, plus a bonus of flash flood.

Aside from desalination, there is extensive damming of meager water resources in the UAE. The ancient fortresses and watchtowers one can see in the countryside were built by rulers of the desert to protect not just families and livestock but also wells.

Bounteous food

Agriculture depends on underground water, said Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Saif Saeed bin Saed.

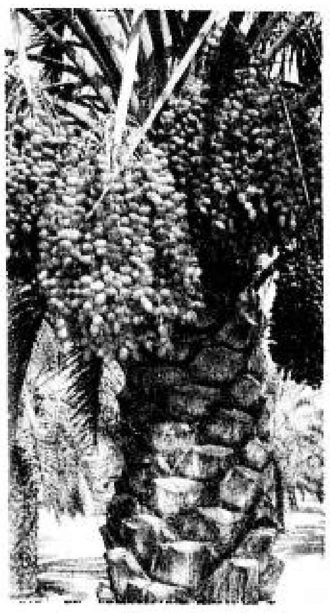
The rulers solved the problem of feeding the people by undertaking extensive irrigation projects. Poultry farming is done under controlled conditions. Bottom trawling has been banned to protect natural stocks of fish. Once a major food importer, the UAE is now self-sufficient in food production and a net exporter of vegetables, with tomatoes and dates among its chief exports.

Dining from one function to another, we stuffed ourselves with various herbs we couldn't identify, fruits and vegetables we thought were grown only in the other part of the equator, along with the seafood and mutton.

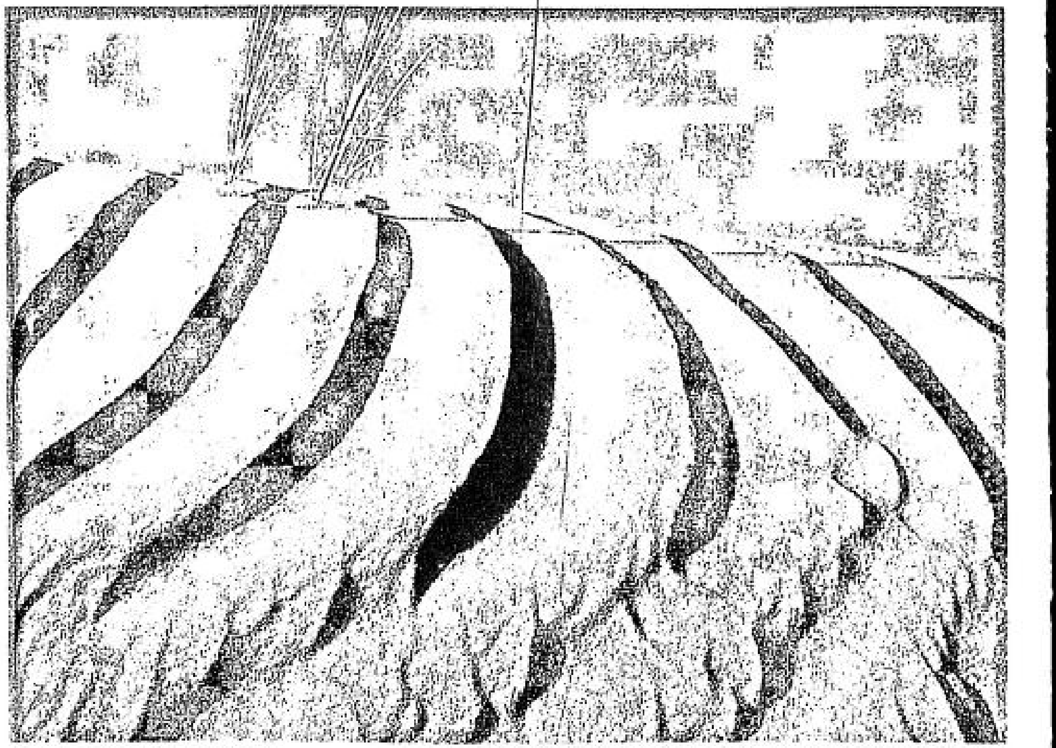
Of the six members of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council, the UAE ranks somewhere in the middle in terms of wealth—following (in order) Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and Kuwait, and trailed by Oman and Bahrain. Compared to the KSA's $600-billion annual budget, it has a relatively miniscule $6-billion.

("What!" exclaimed one of the Filipino media delegates. "Ours is only half of that—and yet we're 76-million people!")

The UAE has the highest population growth in the region, which is encouraged by the government, since, of its 3.2-million people, only 35 percent are natives (about 700,000), with 30 percent Indians, 25 percent Pakistanis, and five percent other nationalities (including over 150,000 documented Filipino workers and their 20,000 dependents).


THE UNITED Arab Emirates is one of the world's largest growers of dates.

The government gives $20,000 to a newly wed native couple to start with in life. When a working wife gives birth, she is given almost a year of maternity leave. If a parent works with the government, each of the children is given a monthly allowance of 300 dirhams ($1 is equivalent to DH3.665, and DH1 is about P14).


SAND dunes in Abu Dhabi

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Women's status

The UAE has diplomatic relations with over 100 countries, and has 60 embassies and consulates around the world. It is host to 202 nationalities, of whom the Top 5 workers are (in order) Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis, Arab nationals and Filipinos.

"We'd like to keep that multicultural workplace," said Al Khazraji. "We encourage that. We have no quota system for nationalities." (One source, however, said the government was getting stricter with the influx of Indians, as they would seem to overtake the place.)

Asked if the government was discouraging intermarriages, the labor undersecretary exclaimed: "Why would we discourage them? It's one world!" (Another source said that, since citizenship was attached to the husband, a native man could not marry a foreign woman although a native woman could marry a foreign man.)

As in most other societies, women still lag behind the men in status. An unaccompanied single woman under 40 years of age cannot enter the country, for instance, which regulation is not applicable to a man.

Most of the shopkeepers in the souks are men, while the women stay at home or do some shopping. These women are still covered in black *abayya* (the flowing garment), *shella* (the veil) and *burkha* (the mask), although now more to keep a tradition than as emblem of oppression.

In the Ministry of Information and Culture, only 15 percent of the employees are women. Thus, there is only one toilet for women on one floor of this massive new building, and it is located, ironically, in the Department of Censorship.

"Culture-wise, the UAE started only 30 years ago," said Information and Culture Undersecretary Saqr Ghobash. "So women still work as assistants or secretaries. But we encourage them to go up."

And yet this is the most liberal Arab state in the region, the envy of its neighbors. Land is donated by the sheiks for the building of Christian churches. Alcohol is allowed in public, there's sexy dancing in the bars, and prostitutes prowl the café row of Al Riqqa Street in Dubai.

Trading center

While Bahrain, considered the financial capital of the Middle East, has been compared to Hong Kong, the UAE, which is the trading center of the Middle East, is more like Singapore.

The UAE is composed of seven emirates, of which Abu Dhabi and Dubai are the centers. Dubai has become famous for its shopping festival the whole month of March. Abu Dhabi, the capital, is an island connected by two bridges to the mainland, almost a third of its landmass being reclaimed area. Most of the country's oil and gas are sourced under its sea. Revenues mostly come from the oil companies, followed by those brought by the government's flagship airline, the Emirates.

"Oil represents only 27 percent of our domestic gross product, compared to Kuwait's which is over 90 percent," said Economy and Commerce Minister Fahim bin Sultan Al Qasimi, a gentle, Western-educated, 54-year-old man who looks like someone in his early 30s.

"Dubai is strong in finance, tourism, trade," Al Qasimi continued. "Hotel occupancy in the Middle East doesn't exceed 10 percent. In Dubai, it's tough to find a room."

And this despite the fact that Dubai has about 1,000 five-star hotels, plus the new 315-meter, 27-story Burj Al Arab, touted as the only seven-star hotel in the world, with a DH200 entrance fee and featuring an underwater restaurant.

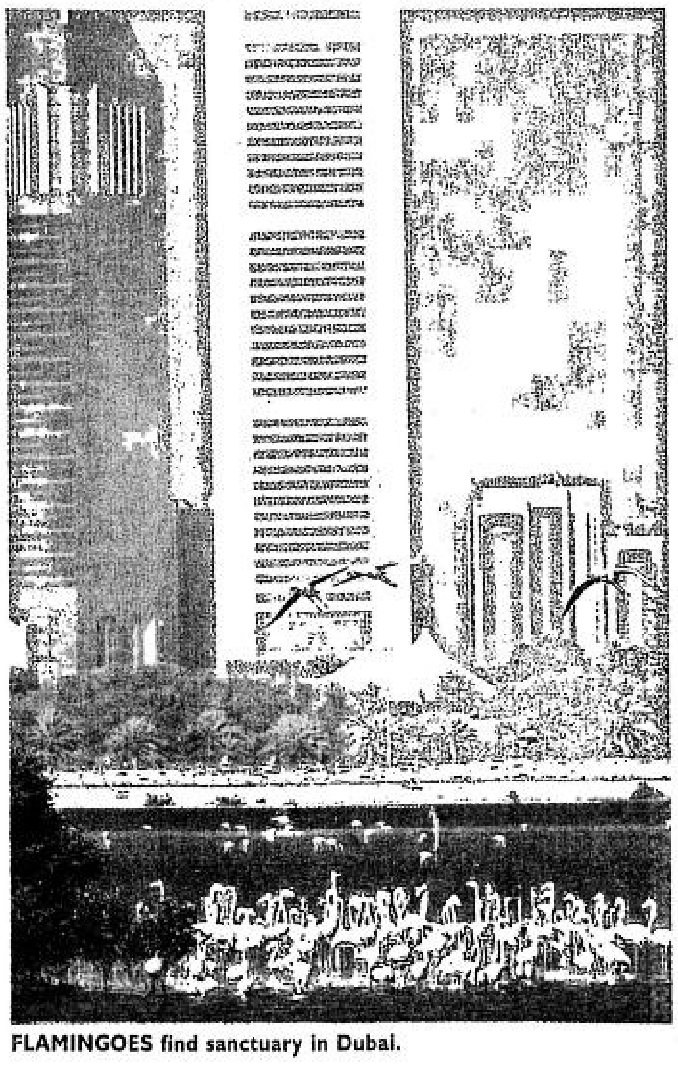
Dubai is only 18 percent oil-dependent, getting its revenues mostly from tourists and shoppers. It is Abu Dhabi which is quite dependent on oil and gas, possessing over 90 percent of the country's oil reserves and producing over 85 percent of its oil.

"The rest of the emirates are really poor, depending only on these two," said Al Qasimi.

That statement is quite an exaggeration, for a country that collects no taxes, for which the words *squatter* and *beggar* are foreign to its vocabulary, and which just ordered the biggest commercial airplane in the world.

In the one week we were there, we were shuttled from place to place in a caravan of Audis, VW Passats, BMWs, Lexus and Mercedes. And in the malls there are the outlets of Ikea, Harley-Davidson, Woolworth. This is not to mention the breathtaking gold souk in Dubai, a wide, wide square of tall buildings whose display windows are dripping with glistering gold that would blind Croesus.

We couldn't contain our smile when we asked the trade minister what he'd like to import from the Philippines, and he quietly replied: "Furniture. Food like mango, papaya..."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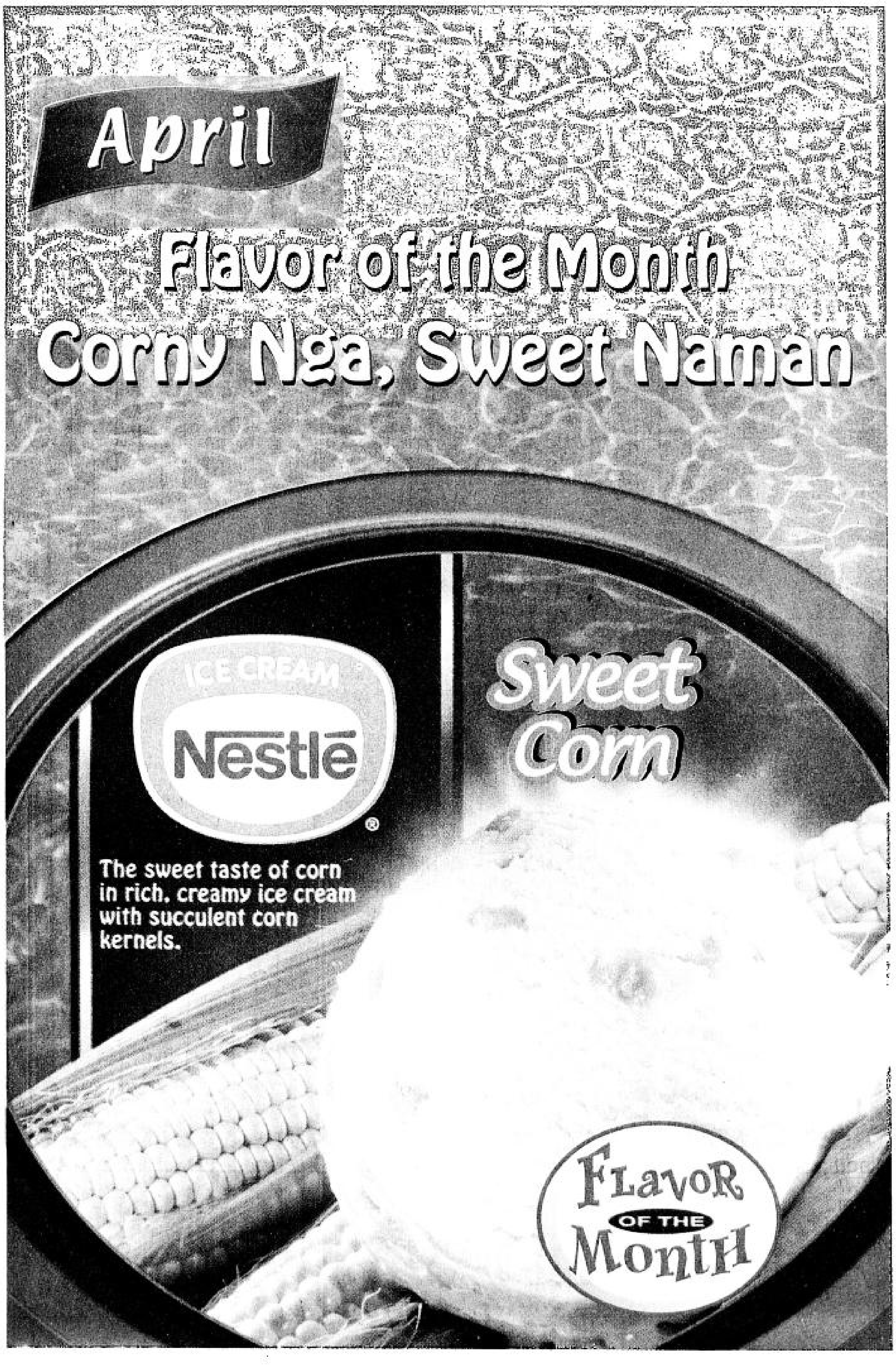
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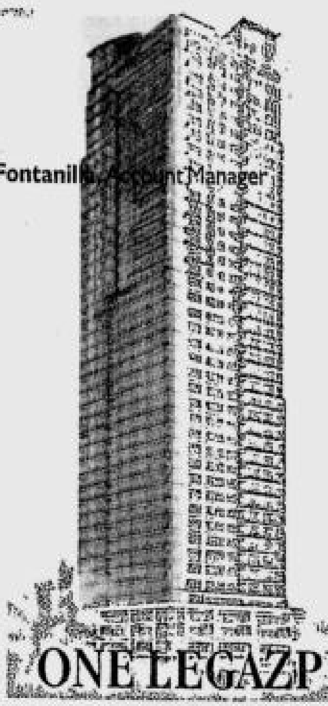

ONE LEGAZPI PARK:

Location is key

Busy, upwardly mobile individuals prefer to live close to, or have easy access to, the places they consider important – work, school, worship, nature, health care, shopping, recreation, gym – everything that counts. For these people, a strategic location is a significant factor when choosing a residence.

Ayala Land Inc.'s newest property is ideal, therefore, for people with fast-paced, urban lifestyles. One Legazpi Park's 45 floors and 366 units are conveniently located in Legazpi Village, Makati City. Its site puts the condominium in the center of Makati, the country's top business and financial district.

Given One Legazpi Park's location, its occupants do not have to deal with traffic problems if their offices are in Makati or adjacent districts, nor will they worry about going home after late night meetings or social events.

One Legazpi Park is an ideal residence for students at various levels. The Asian Institute of Management, probably the leading graduate school in the country if not Southeast Asia, is located next door. The International School, Don Bosco, Assumption College and Colegio de San Agustin are but short distances away.

Apart from its location next to Union Church and near other places of worship, One Legazpi Park is practically a stone's throw away from two of the country's premier centers for shopping, entertainment and recreation, namely Greenbelt and Glorietta, which host the most popular establishments in the metropolis.

Meanwhile, two nearby havens of urban greenery, Legazpi Park and Greenbelt Park, offer One Legazpi Park occupants a touch of nature should they wish to take a break during the workday or on weekdays.

A scant few blocks away is the Makati Medical Center, where health care and facilities are the best available in the country.

While One Legazpi Park is a number one choice for its convenience and practicality, it also offers high-quality aesthetics. All One Legazpi Park units are designed with the elegance for which Ayala Land Inc. has been known over the years.

For One Legazpi Park's units, Ayala Land Inc. employed the services of the country's foremost interior designers to give the units a luxurious look that will be highly appreciated by its future occupants. Tina Periquet and J. Antonio Mendoza were commissioned by Ayala Land Inc. to design the model units of One Legazpi Park.

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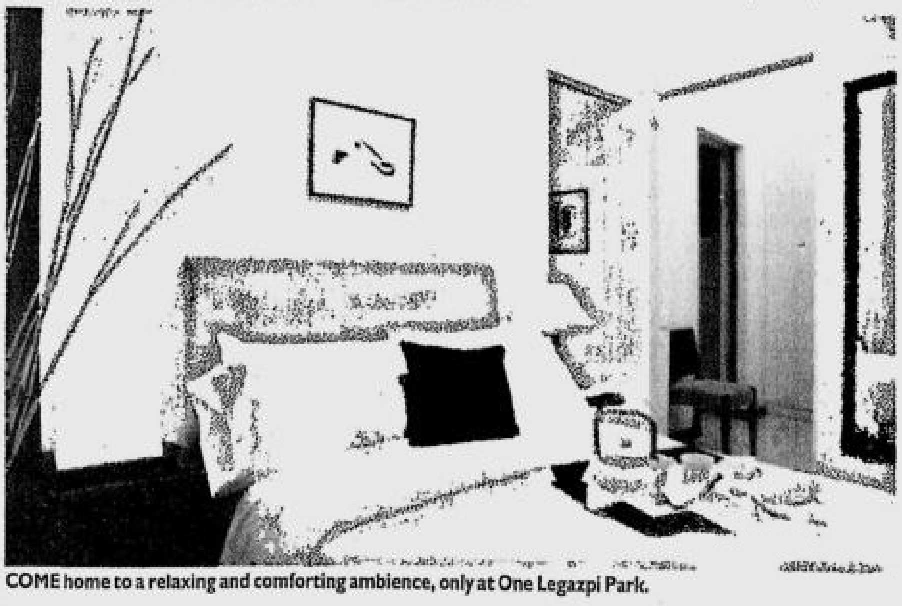
Meeting the demands of urban living

Elegance, luxury and free movement in a small space? What about a residential condominium that is close to everything you need to go to? If you are in search for that perfect place that fits the demands of your lifestyle, then One Legazpi Park is the right place for you.

Ayala Land Inc., a distinguished real estate industry player, will construct One Legazpi Park to enhance the Filipino way of life by providing them with luxurious and affordable homes



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The ABCs of condo living

ONE of the ultimate dreams of many people is to have their own home. The size, location and design of their ideal home depend on their lifestyle.

A couple of years ago, the idea of a home is one that stands on land. But as people's lifestyles changed, so did their idea of a perfect home. Today, a home is no longer limited to houses and lots. It can also be a residential that is situated in high rise buildings. Condominiums, one of the most preferred homes to date, are perfect examples of high-rise residentials. Condominiums became increasingly popular because of the different advantages that they offer. Among these are convenience and security.

For example, these high-rise residentials normally are in prime locations. This, therefore, give its occupants the advantage of going to work without the hassle of weaving through traffic and getting in the office or coming home late. Commercial areas for both business and shopping are also just a stone's throw away. As to security, condos are assured of 24-hour security.

Condominiums also offer luxuries that people could not otherwise afford such as swimming pools, gym, maintenance on call, maid service, etc.

Aside from these conveniences, occupants are also assured of security. They can just lock up and travel and know that their properties will be taken care of.

Investing in a home is truly a wise move, however, it is also one of the most expensive. So, to make sure that your ultimate dream doesn't turn into a disastrous nightmare, take these things into consideration.

Condo considerations

Any wise property buyer would get involved in the whole process of choosing, inspecting and purchasing the right property to suit her needs and lifestyle. Your active participation will ensure that you get exactly what you want and what you need.

One of the first steps in purchasing a home is assessing your budget. Make sure that you choose the proper payment scheme that will not be too heavy on your budget. Or, you can apply for a housing loan from banking institutions.

Location is also a major consideration. The perfect shelter for the fast-paced lifestyle that most people live is the one that is in close proximity to important establishments like offices, schools, hospitals, malls and recreational centers.

When you are looking for that perfect home, carry a checklist that defines what you actually need. The checklist should cover the aspects of space, air, light and other aesthetics like design and amenities.

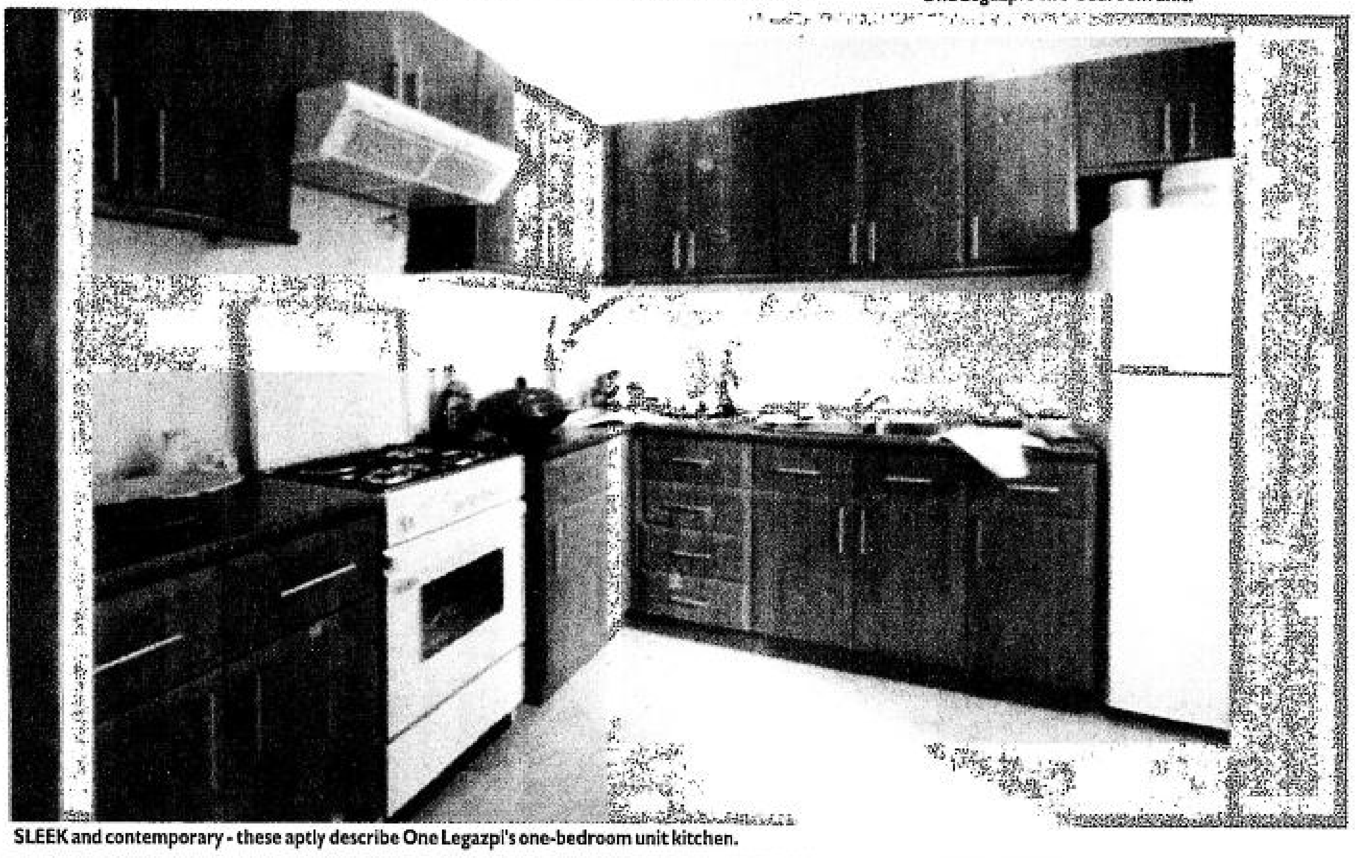
Will you be able to move freely in the house? Can all your important things fit in? Does the design speak of your personality? Will your needs be met? These are just some things that you should ponder upon.

The kind of people that will be your neighbors should also be considered. Remember that you will be living next to them and if you are not comfortable with them, chances are you will not be at ease in your own home.

Also take into account the developer. Do a little background check. Is it reputable? Will they complete the building at the promised specifications? Or even complete the building at all? What properties have they developed? Check out the finished projects to see the quality of the product delivered and compare with what was promised.

Another thing that you should look into is property management. Usually, the property management group takes care of the building's maintenance. It always pays off to do a background check on the property management group. An able property management group will give you the assurance that the value of your property doesn't diminish because of wear and tear.

WHO said it's hard to mix aesthetics and practicality? These blended smoothly in the kitchen of One Legazpi's two-bedroom unit.



SLEEK and contemporary - these aptly describe One Legazpi's one-bedroom unit kitchen.

One Legazpi Park's advantage

Ayala Land Inc.'s newest property, One Legazpi Park, is truly the perfect home for discriminating people.

To date, it is the most affordable property developed by Ayala Land Inc. Yet, aesthetics and functionality are not sacrificed. This assures its future occupants of the quality of what is going to be in the innards of the building. Ayala Land Inc. commissioned the country's foremost interior designers to come up with an elegant and opulent design for all of One Legazpi Park's 366 units.

The 45-storey residential is also equipped with world-class amenities which includes a fully-equipped gym, swimming pools, social hall and daycare center with play area. One Legazpi Park also provides a parking slot for every occupant.

Excellent building management is also assured by Ayala Property Management Corp. This group assures that the value of the property doesn't depreciate over the years.

But the strength of the property is centered on its location. Located right in the heart of Makati, the residential condominium is in close proximity to important establishments in the country's business district.

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The art of humanizing designs

> *Tina has developed her own philosophy of design, that of providing a solution that best fits needs. For her, every project is an innovative challenge for creating timeless designs*

INTERIOR designing for urban condominiums, in a sense, is about controlling your environment. So says Tina Periquet, one of the most sought-after interior designers in the country today, as she discusses her latest creative schemes for Ayala Land Inc.'s One Legazpi Park.

The foremost thought that comes to her mind when Tina does designs for small spaces is the concept of spaciousness. How do I open up? How can I amplify? These questions are best answered by first studying the architectural design of the units of the condominium and the lifestyle of the people who want to live there.

The unit's architecture must be conducive to activity. Having lived in similar conditions in the U.S., Tina understands what it's like living in cramped conditions. Condominium units more often than not feature design and structure that are compartmentalized. Flow inevitably becomes restricted.

The architectural lay out of the one bedroom units of One Legazpi Park is a perfect blend to her ideas. It is a non-fussy structure, it has clean details, no contradictions, and low bases. With these elements, combined with her out of the box themes , Tina was able to create an arrangement that turned the one-bedroom model unit of One Legazpi Park into a home which can be described in one word: Bliss.

Envisioning character is another item she takes into account. For One Legazpi Park, the personalities she foresees as living there are highly educated, sensitive, cultured, well-traveled, and open to new ideas. Therefore, her designs must be in fusion with their lifestyles. Soft textured materials are what Tina uses for designing. Natural elements such as wood, water, and earth give an expression of humanity in a highly urbanized and technical world. Even the color combinations used, according to her, are "humane." Light colors reflect serenity, warmth and comfort, all the things you look for in a home. The other elements that entered into her design were also chosen judiciously. Avoid clutter, she says, place an item in a space only if it is needed.

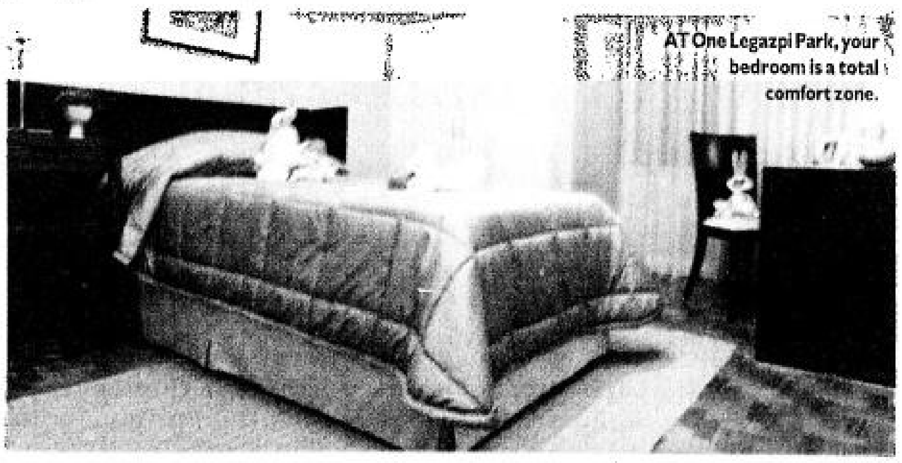
INTERIOR designer Tina Periquet signs the design intent poster of One Legazpi Park's one-bedroom model unit.

The Tina Periquet formula for design is an upheaval of contemporary design, One Legaspi Park reflects that unique blend of innovation and livability.

Designing with a personal touch is the secret to Tina Periquet's success. Her projects are few and very select. Tina does not simply do a job for money. Before accepting an engagement, there has to be a meeting and sharing of minds, there is a high degree of personal involvement which makes her state that designing is not just a job, but a conviction. A working relationship for her is never short-term. Proof of this is her ties with Ayala Land. She had done the designs for model units of Montgomery Place, and Ferndale Homes, both plush Ayala Land Communities located at the heart of Quezon City. When asked to design the interior of the 1-bedroom model unit for One Legazpi Park, there were no second thoughts. She believes in Ayala Land's passion to provide quality homes and enhance the quality of life of Filipinos.

Tina has developed her own philosophy of design, that of providing a solution that best fits needs. For her, every project is an innovative challenge for creating timeless designs.

Tina Periquet is a graduate of the Assumption College and the Ateneo de Manila and has earned a Masters Degree in Interior Design from the Pratt Institute in New York.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Eclectic mix of contemporary and classic

HIGH-RISE living has taken an upward trend as more and more people appreciate the advantages of well-built, well-planned condominiums. These classy residentials provide a lot of advantages in terms of location, environment and comfort, making it a top choice among many people.

Recognizing this trend, Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) is offering a new condominium which satisfies the lifestyle needs of upwardly mobile individuals and families in search of that perfect place.

One Legazpi Park (OLP), the latest addition to ALI residences, will rise 45 stories right in the heart of Makati. All 366 units are designed based on ALI's high standards of quality and property management. Ideal for both investors and end-users, One Legazpi Park will consist mostly of studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, and some three-bedroom and special units.

Ayala Land has engaged world-class Filipino designers to plan the interiors of the condominium's model units. This approach will impart individualized and original looks to the units.

J. Antonio Mendoza, one of the country's foremost architect/interior designer infused style and discreet luxury to One Legazpi Park's two-bedroom model unit. Mendoza was first invited by ALI to design a model unit at Montgomery Place, ALI's newest townhouse development in Quezon City. In recognition of his skills, ALI then commissioned him to design for One Legazpi Park.

Hypothetically, the occupants of OLP's two-bedroom unit are families with three members. They are well-traveled people who appreciate the finer things in life. With this in mind, Mendoza created a comfortable and luxurious shelter that would perfectly fit their lifestyles.

Coming home to One Legazpi Park

Since home is where the heart is, Mendoza designed a refuge that people will love to come home to after a long day at work or school.

He visually expanded the unit, which measures 96 to 97 sqm. But no, he didn't resort to minimalism, instead putting in well-defined, properly proportioned fixtures that give the unit a bigger look.

Although luxury is evident all over the place, the unit isn't intimidating at all. Carefully paying attention to lighting, Mendoza produced an atmosphere that's conducive to relaxation.

"One Legazpi Park is a pleasure to furnish. The building is well-planned and the spaces are in proper proportions. The design needed for this place is really very basic," Mendoza modestly explains.

But the excellence of his design speaks for itself. "Contemporary with a fusion of Western and Oriental" is how Mendoza describes his output for One Legazpi Park's

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THE bedroom in One Legazpi Park's one-bedroom unit is truly a haven for tired bodies.

Despite the fact that One Legazpi Park is designed according to the highest standards of quality and property management, the residential condominium is Ayala Land's most affordable property to date. A studio unit starts at P3.8M. One-bedroom units range from P5.4M to P7.3M, and two-bedroom units from P8.4M to P9.9M. Three-bedroom units are priced from P12.1M to P16. 5M, and penthouse units from P14.8M to P20.1M.

Models units are now available for inspection, located behind the Filipinas Heritage Library along Makati Avenue, Makati City.

The construction of One Legazpi Park is Ayala Land's latest initiative in offering world-class, sensible solutions for the demands of urban living

As much as 25-percent discount for cash payments (and for selected units as much as 30 percent) are offered. In-house schemes are also available such as: 20/80 (20 percent downpayment and 80 percent on installment), which offers a 10-percent discount; 30/70, which gives a 12-percent discount and a 5-year interest-free plan. A very affordable scheme is the 15/25/60 scheme whereby buyers are asked to give a downpayment of only 15 percent, 25 percent payable over 48 months and the balance of 60 percent at the 49th month. These plans have amortization levels as low as P20,000 per month.

One Legazpi Park has tie-ups with bank financing facilities to make unit ownership easier. Participating banks are BPI-FB, Chinatrust, Export Bank, IBank, HSBC, Keppel Bank, Metrobank, RCBC Savings, UCPB, Union Bank, and Robinsons Savings Bank. These banks are offering convenient payment schemes.

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Eclectic...

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two-bedroom model unit. It captures the current design trend. And with ALI as a world-class builder of condominiums, it is only fitting that One Legazpi Park units are at par with condo designs in New York and Paris.

And what do you get when you combine décor from East and West, yesterday and today? An elegant, eclectic mix! Upon entering the model unit, you notice the meeting of two worlds.

In one section, an antique Chinese console table catches your attention with its majestic form. On the other side of the room, a contemporary leather couch, easily identified as western in origin, dominates.

Function without sacrificing aesthetics

While aesthetics can take a back seat in favor of practicality, Mendoza makes sure there is a balance between the two.

"Your place is a reflection of your lifestyle," he says. And with that point of departure, he has perfected an overall design that will bring joy and satisfaction to future occupants of One Legazpi Park.

Ayala Land Inc.'s newest property is truly a picture of opulent and luxurious living, and yet, One Legazpi Park is Ayala Land's most affordable property to date. In fact, ideal financing schemes are offered by the company to its prospective buyers.

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SERENA in two-toned denim dress and AJ in Grizzly cotton tee and denim shorts

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Dalrymple, a Grizzly image model for the past couple of years, likes the label's fun clothes like tops, skirts, jeans and smart dresses during the hot months. "I like Grizzly for [outfits] that suit my age perfectly," she said. Valdenibro looks forward to wearing more Grizzly outfits, on and off the cameras, having just become the kiddie wear brand's image model.

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Educating and empowering women

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The seminar will be held at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza in Makati, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ladies, who are 19-35 years old, are invited to attend this assembly that aims to honor, educate and empower women. Respected and experienced speakers will share their expertise on various subjects. Former beauty queen Chat Silayan will conduct an in-depth discussion on how you can preserve beauty with inner wellness. TV host Plinky Recto will demonstrate the right way to do Pilates exercises while taekwondo champion Monsour del Rosario will teach basic self-defense techniques. Image enhancement expert Olen Lim will teach everything you need to know about poise and projection.

To join, just write your name, age, occupation, office address, telephone numbers and e-mail address on a piece of paper and send it to "Cosmopolitan Goes to Work," 30 Edsa corner Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City or fax it to 637-2206. You can also e-mail it to cosmopromos@summitmedia.com.ph or text "Enjoin work" and send to 211 (Smart) or 2333 (Globe). Deadline for submission is on April 30.

US-trained teachers hold art classes

ACADEMY One in BF Homes Parañaque City is holding summer art classes conducted by Danny and November Ochoa from the Academy of Art College, San Francisco and Monica Luna from St. Joseph's School, San Francisco. Kids aged 3-8 and 9-18 will learn fun art techniques—basic drawing, shading, perspective, color and cartooning, in just 10 sessions.

Danny specializes in illustration and animation. November, who has also taken summer workshop classes for basic drawing at the UP College of Fine Arts, is into traditional illustration. Monica, who is into children's arts and crafts, taught for two years at Futurekids.

Enrolment is ongoing. Call 826-5182.

Lucy and Juliana in Baby Magazine

LUCY Gomez-Torres and daughter Juliana grace the cover of Baby Magazine, the ultimate guide for new parents. The wife of actor Richard Gomez shares her adventures as a mother and her joys in raising a child.

The summer issue recommends "6 Fiesta Islands to Visit" and lists activities parents can introduce to their children—arts, sports, math, dance, theater.

Baby Magazine columnist Rebecca Singson-Zahar writes on "Nightmares in Pregnancy" plus tips on interpreting your dreams while childbirth expert Rome Kanapi talks about the nitty-gritty of a hospital delivery.

The monthly publication, which is the country's first Filipino magazine devoted to childbearing, childbirth and child rearing features introducing solid foods to your baby in its article on "From Liquids to Solids"; pediatric dentist Liza D. Centeno writes on age-by-age tooth decay prevention.

Educator Nina Yuson talks about raising kids amid TV, video and computers while columnist Marita Villafuerte talks about how to make kids learn during play. For those whose children always seem to be at odds, Baby Magazine's report on sibling rivalry can help.

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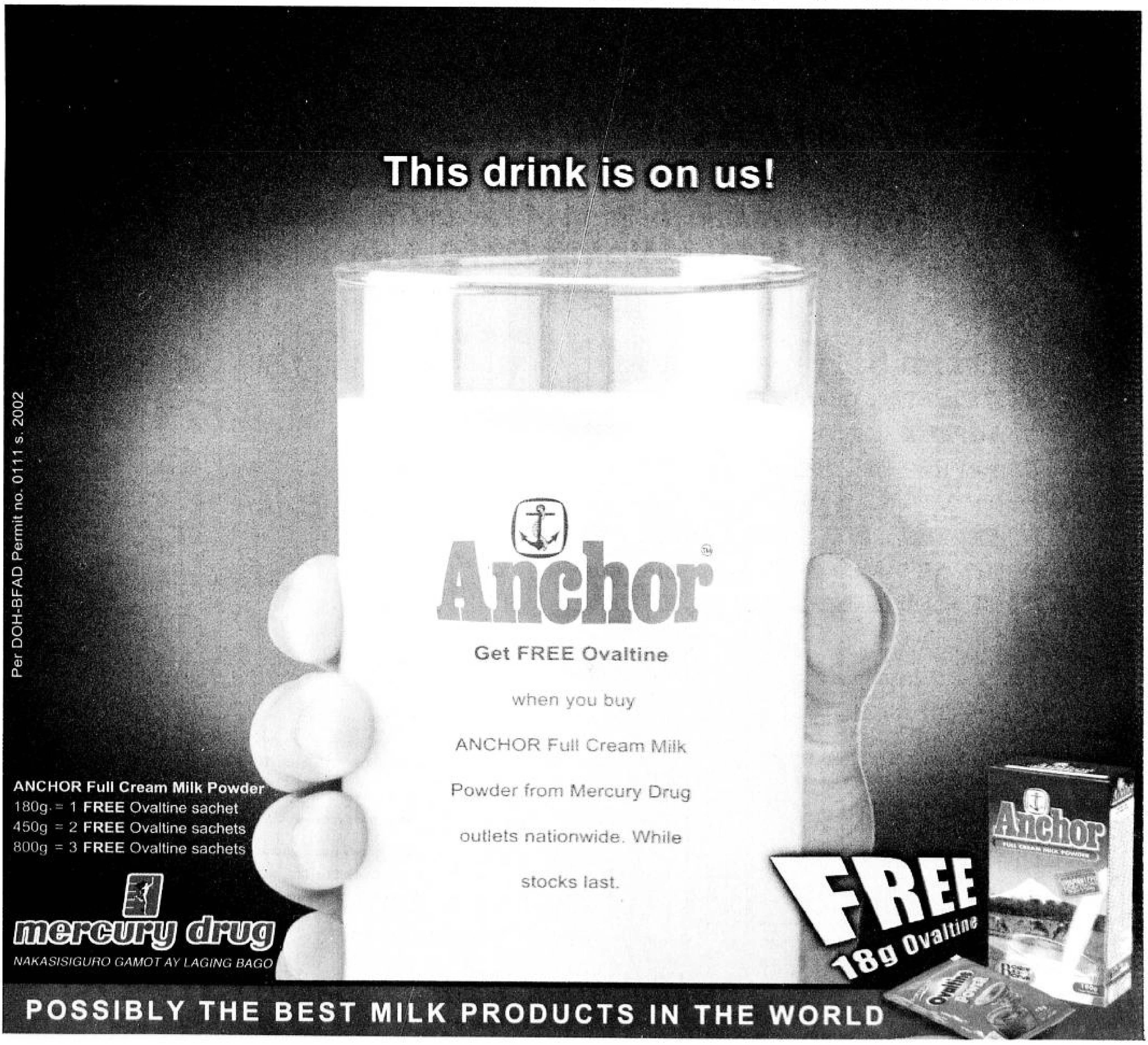
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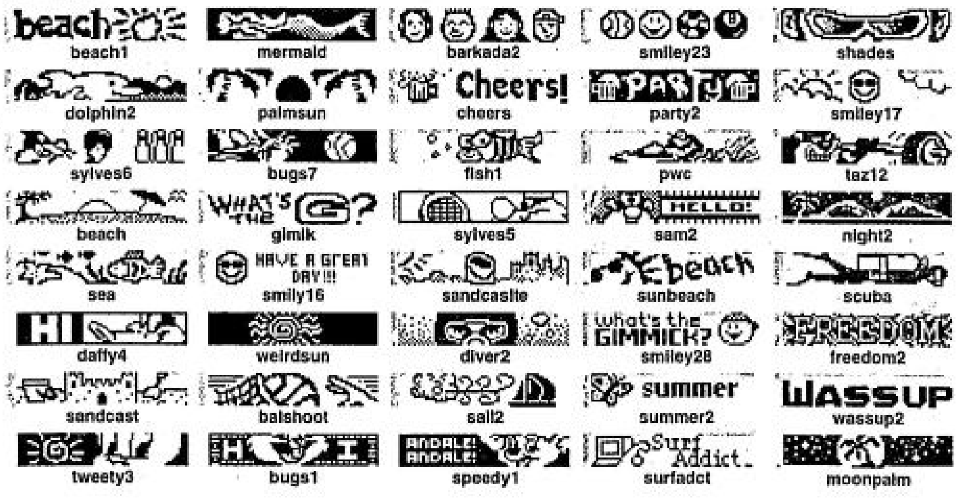
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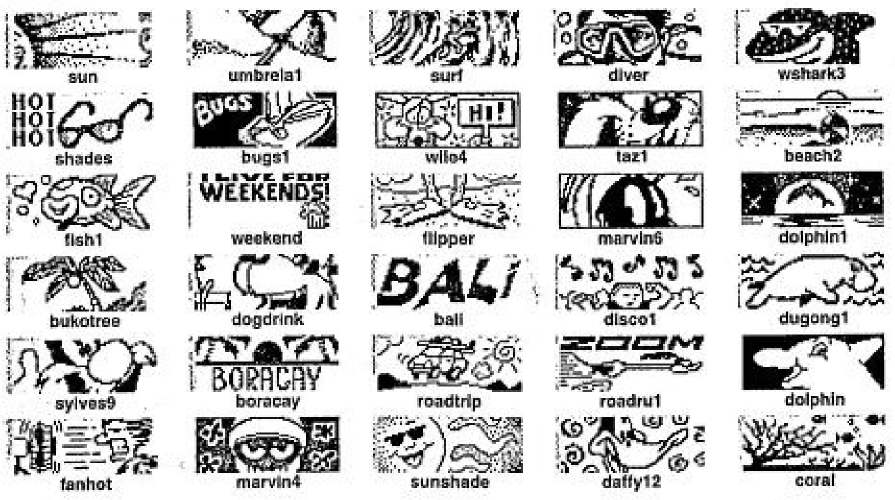
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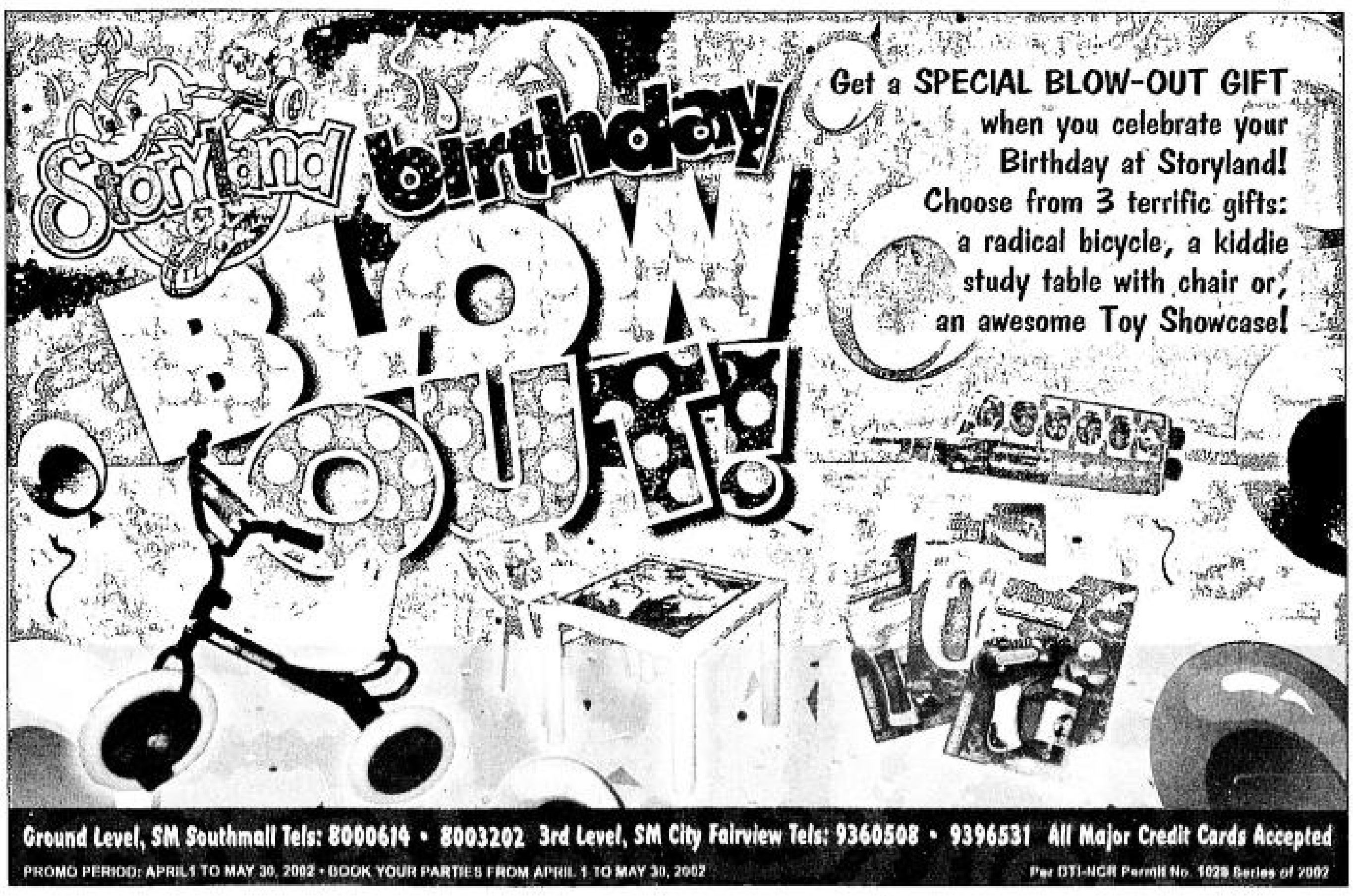
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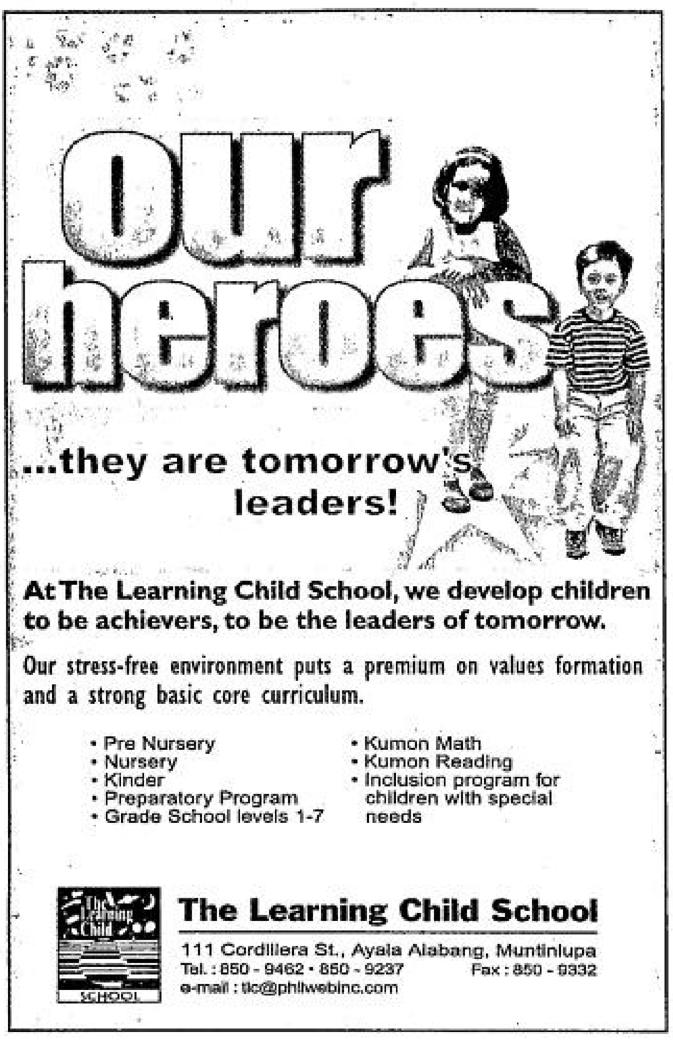
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Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least one month before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

CABANAYAN-CATINDIG

Jane Catindig, daughter of **Alfonso A. Catindig** and the late **Mercedes F. Catindig**, recently tied the knot with **Caesar Cabanayan**, son of engineer **Teodoro M. Cabanayan** and the late **Dorotea B. Cabanayan**, at the Christ the King Parish Church, Greenmeadows, QC.

A dinner reception was held at the Garden Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. The bride wore a spaghetti-strapped gown designed by her cousin, **Cherry Cariaga** of Drezee Boutique. Lily's Flower Shop provided the flowers. Weddings by Victoria coordinated the affair while **Raymond Reboledo** of Dexter's Bakeshop provided the cake.

ALORA-VALENTIN

Justin Kris Alora, son of **Oscar** and **Teresita Alora**, and **Maria Celeste Valentin**, daughter of **Rodolfo** and **Remedios Valentin**, exchanged vows on Feb. 8 at the Shrine of Jesus, Pasay City. Reception followed at Father Blanco's Garden, Intramuros, Manila.

The bride wore a glass-beaded gown made of duchess silk while the groom wore a black tuxedo, both designed by **Randy Ortiz**. The bride's entourage wore ensembles in powder blue designed by **Carol Sibal** of Baghera.

CALALAY-RAMOS

Rigor B. Calalay, son of **Rogelio** and **Naty Calalay**, wed **Aileen A. Ramos**, daughter of **Reynerio** and **Leticia Ramos**, on March 2 at the Holy Family Parish Church, BF Almanza, Las Piñas City. Reception was held at the Ayala Alabang Country Club. **Farley de Castro** created the bride's gown and her entourage's celadon green ensembles.

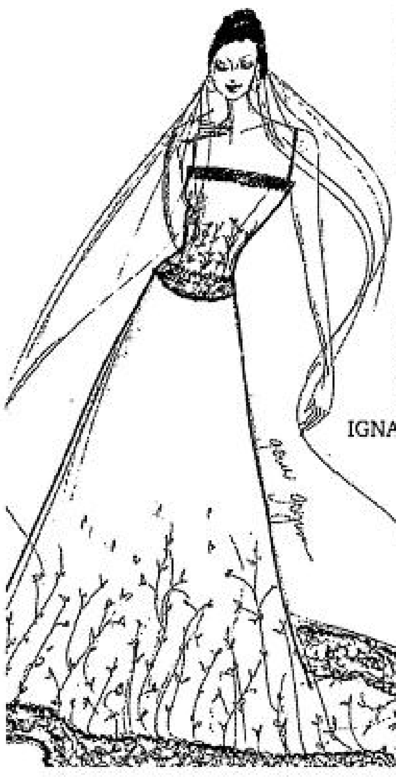
GAMBOA-SANTOS

Jay Santos Jr., son of **Violeta Lucero vda. de Santos**, will exchange marriage vows with **Maureen Gamboa**, daughter of Col. **Nicasio** and **Lakambini Gamboa**, on April 25, 6:30 p.m., at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila.

Principal sponsors are Mayor **Jose L. Atienza Jr.**, Sen. **Loren Legarda Leviste**, **Ramon S. Ang**, **Remedios Rodrigo Sevilla**, Dr. **Eleuterio Acosta**, **Rosa G. Arrienda**, **Amador T. Buenaseda Jr.**, **Carmelita Lucero Acosta**, Col. **Reynaldo S. Nicolas**, **Erlinda Gamboa**, Capt. **Isabelo A. Tibayan III**, Col. **Ma. Elena Tibayan**, **Emelito Villaruz**, **Emily C. Gamboa**, **Rudolph V. Perez** and **Teresita Pascual**.

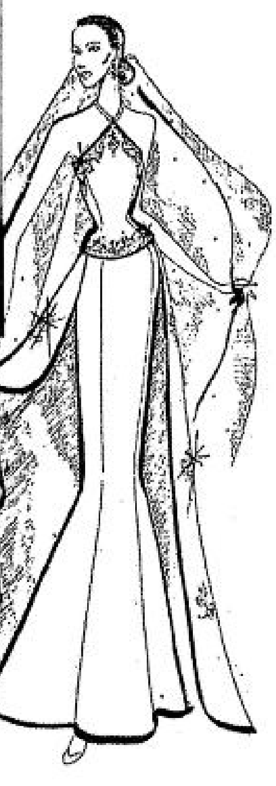
Reception will follow at Fort Santiago Trellis, Plaza Moriones, Intramuros, Manila.

The couple will leave for the United States after the wedding.



IGNACIO-RAMIREZ

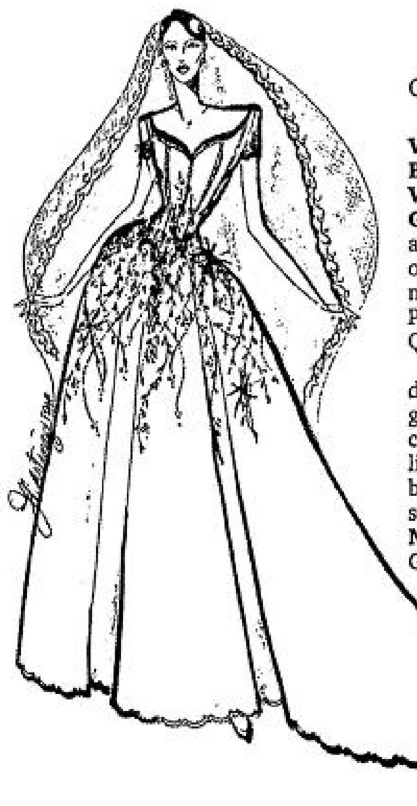
Francis R. Ignacio, son of **Orlando** and **Valentina Ignacio**, wed **Rachelle Marie C. Ramirez**, daughter of **Jovencio** and **Nieva Ramirez**, on April 20 at the Basilica de San Sebastian, Manila. **Gener Gozum** designed the bride's gown.



PALMA-TOBIAS

Rico Palma, son of **Benildo** and **Lourdes Palma**, married **Mari Tobias**, daughter of **Mario** and **Remedios Tobias**, on April 14 at St. Mark's Chapel, National Arts Center, Los Baños, Laguna. Reception followed at the Splash Mountain Resort.

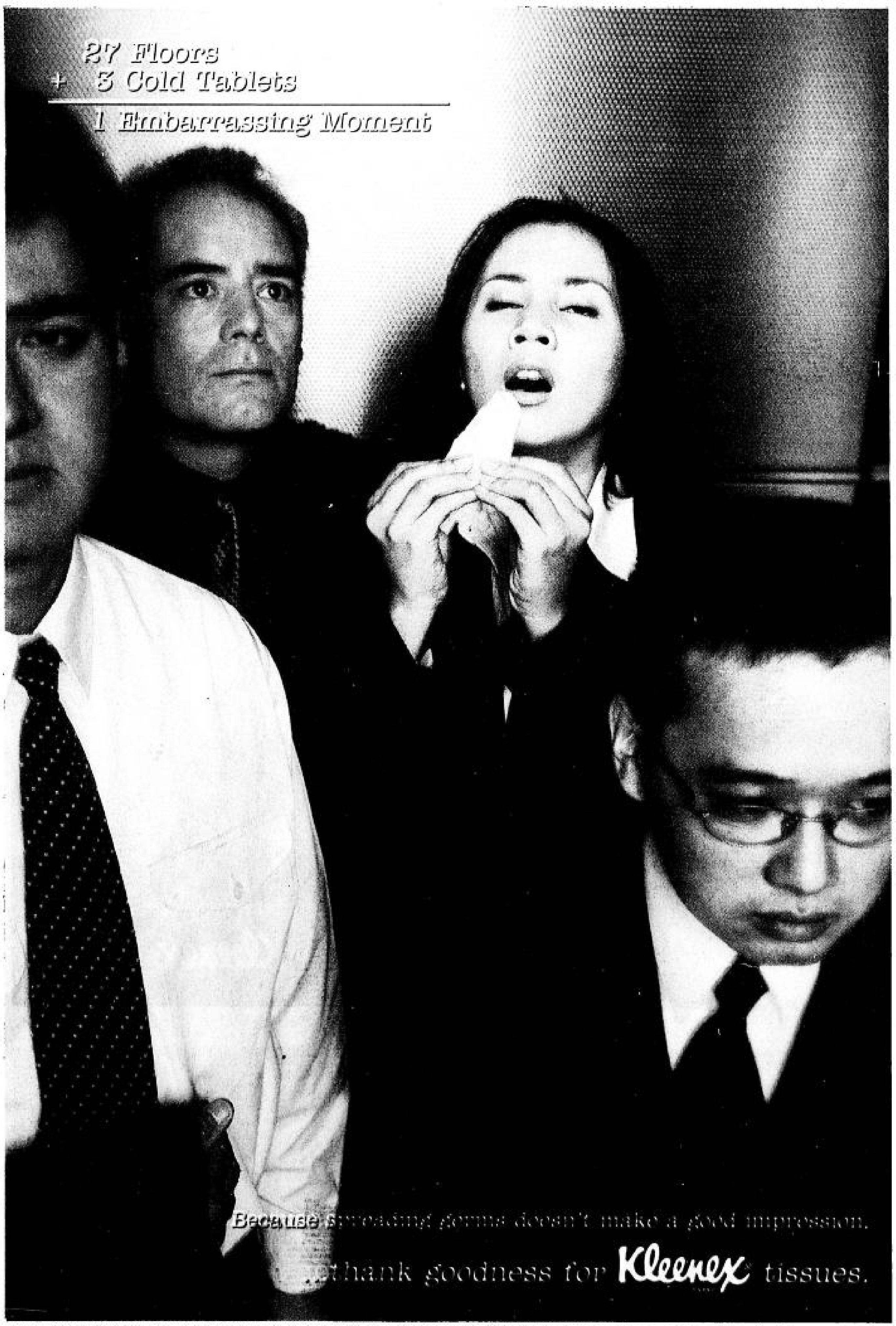
Designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** created for the bride a haltered mermaid-cut gown in ivory silk-georgette with a detachable train traced with fine translucent beadwork. **Cookie Amador** of Events, Events, coordinated the affair.



GALOS-VILLASANTA

Aimee Grace Villasanta, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Teresita Villasanta**, wed **Blair Galos**, son of **Gregorio** and **Concepcion Galos**, on April 10 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church (Claret), QC.

The bride wore a duchess satin bouffant gown appliquéd with corded lace and embellished with pearls, rice beads and iridescent sequins by **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** of Galatea.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YOUNG newlyweds Kay and Eugene Buenaventura

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EUGENE and Kay with secondary sponsors Che Buenaventura, Carla Buenaventura, Dea Chincuanco, Max Buenaventura, Anton Buenaventura and Miguel Mozo

KAY and Eugene (behind) with friends Sugar Camahalan, Celine Gabriel and Bernadette Velasquez

Couple finds distance really makes heart grow fonder

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

> Eugene and Kay realized nothing could diminish their love for each other

THEY first met in September 1991 as high school students at Manresa. It must have been instant chemistry because they were soon going steady. Last December, 10 years after their first meeting, Eugene Buenaventura and Kay Zamora tied the knot at simple marriage rites officiated by Fr. Matthew Frederick Hernandez of the Marian Missionaries of the Holy Cross at the Presentation of the Child Jesus Parish Church, BF Homes, Parañaque.

As the bride, radiant in a gown designed by her friend Niang Mozo, walked down the aisle with her parents, the choir sang the romantic Beatles tune, "Here, There and Everywhere." Eugene, waiting by the altar, shed a few tears.

The groom is the fourth in a brood of five boys and one girl of Gabriel and Malot Buenaventura. A flight attendant of Northwest Airlines, Eugene took up marketing at De La Salle University. His bride is the eldest among the three children of Enrico and Marie Zamora. She graduated from the Assumption College with a degree in psychology and got a teacher certificate from London's Association Montessori Internationale. She is currently a preschool teacher and the academic affairs director of the family-owned Montessori de Manila.

It was while Eugene was training in Minneapolis (Northwest's world headquarters) and Kay was in London that they realized that even distance couldn't diminish their love for each other. The romance grew deeper as Eugene flew around Asia and Kay taught at Montessori de Manila.

Wedding sponsors were Ditos Alcain of the US Embassy in Manila, the groom's former boss at Northwest-ITI Roberto Zozobrado and close family friends Romy Chan, Lambert Paloma, David Mozo, Alexander Gonzales, Carmen Wallace, Joji Tanchanco, Melanie Cabalza and Ramona Cabrera. Best man was the groom's brother Paulo Vicente and maid-of-honor was Kay's sister Krissie.

The secondary entourage consisted of Martin Buenaventura and Joseph Zamora, groomsmen; Erin Cabrera and Aggie Buenaventura, bridesmaids; David Mozo Jr. and Emmanuel Mozo, ushers; and Elise Lauren Cabrera, Liezel Cabrera and Cristina Paloma, junior bridesmaids. Rounding up the junior entourage were Max Buenaventura and Dea Chincuanco, candle; Anton Buenaventura and Carla Buenaventura, veil; and Iggy Mozo and Che Buenaventura, cord. The little attendants were Ralph Cabrera (ring bearer), Miro Bonasera (coin), Ram Mozo (Bible) and Julia Limcangco (flower girl).

Reception was at the ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Kay's dad and Eugene's mom gave brief but touching messages, while maid-of-honor Krissie and secondary sponsor Dea sang the couple's favorite love songs.

THE NEWLYWEDS (standing, left) with guests Bem Torrechante, Janet Sandico, Ritchie Tuaño and Don Sandico; seated, Carminia Pavia, principal sponsors Bob Zozobrado and Ditos Alcain, Mars and Ed Austria

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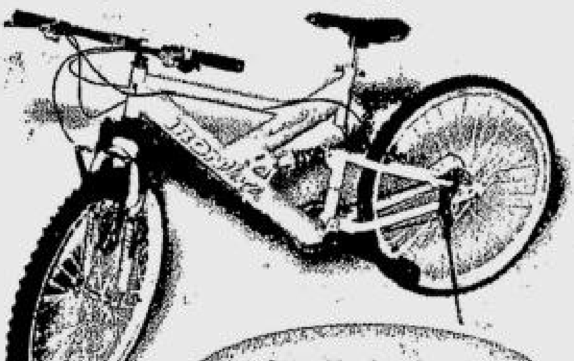

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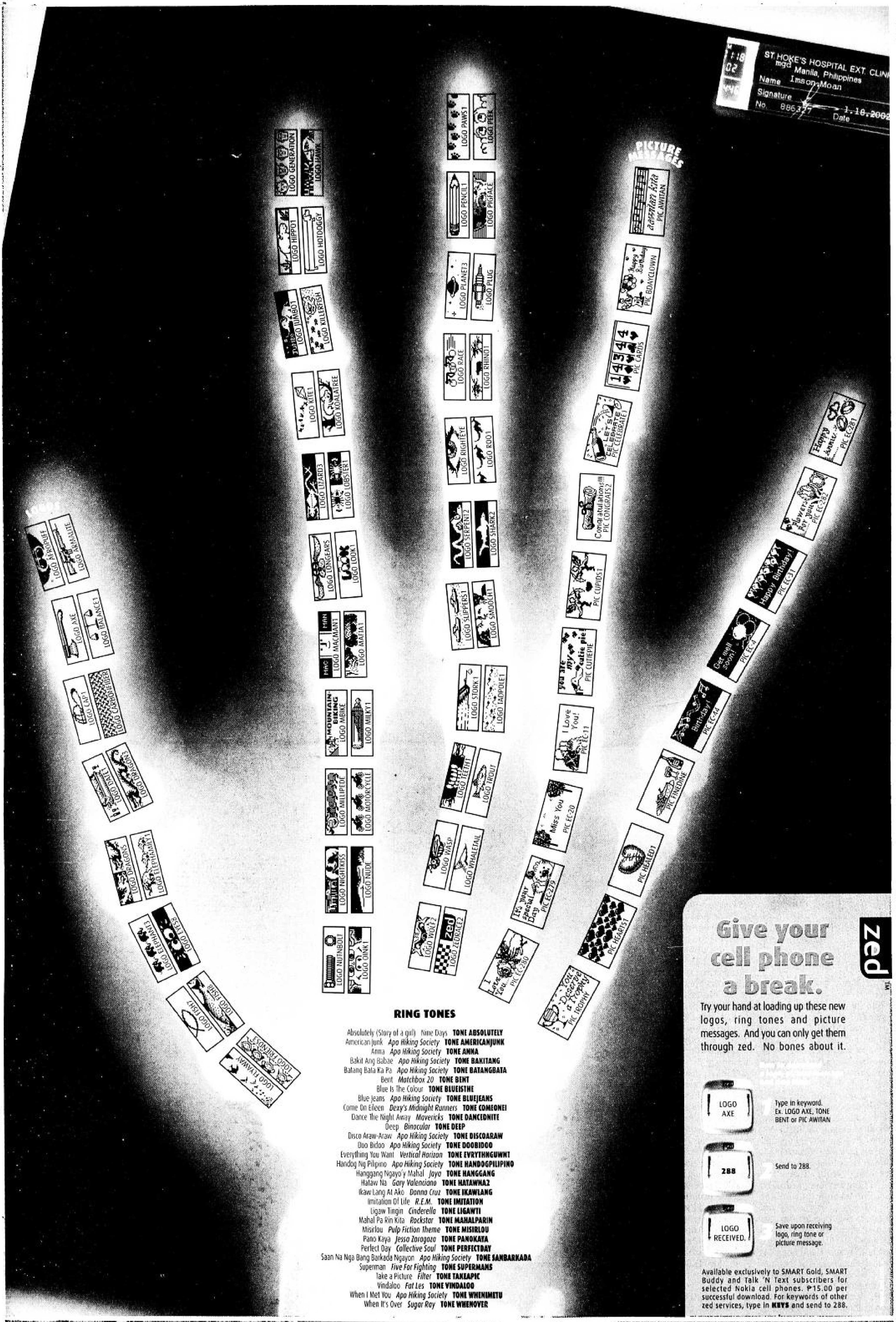
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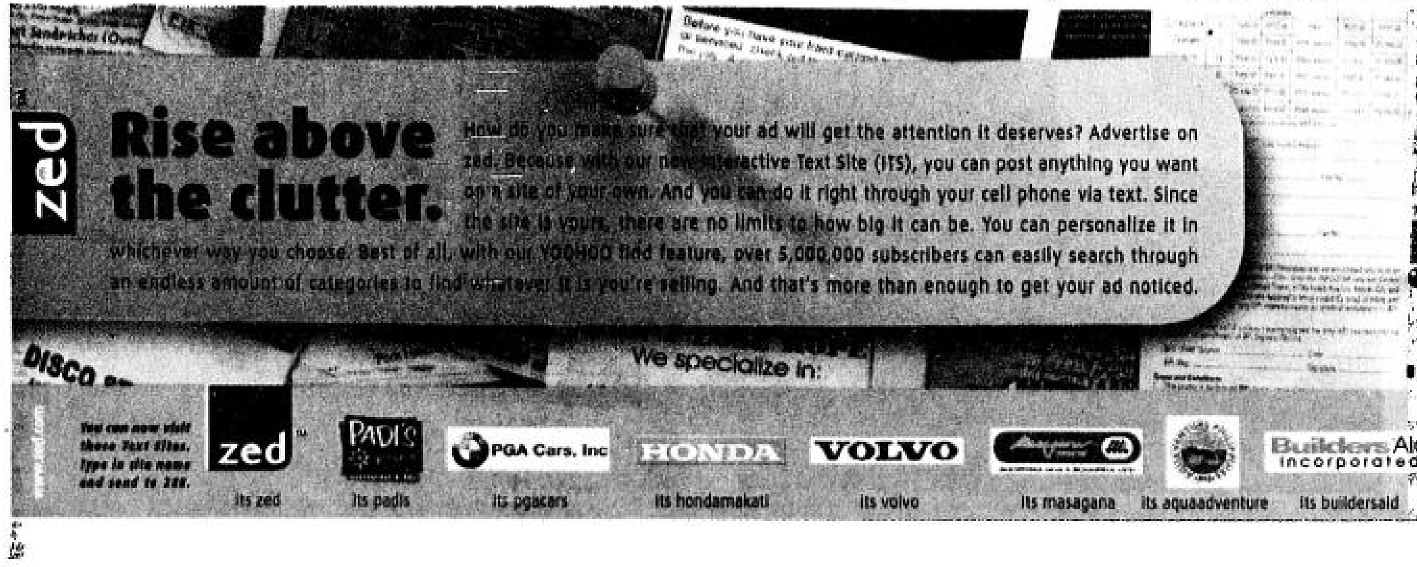
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(For NCR, Batangas, Dagupan, Tuguegarao, La Union, Cebu, Bacolod, Iloilo, Davao, Zamboanga).

- Must have 3-5 years marketing / sales experience in a managerial capacity preferably MA / MBA graduates from reputable schools here and abroad.

DEANS / FACULTY MEMBERS

(For Antipolo, Makati and Cavite)

- **For Nursing School**
  - Masters Degree an advantage; at least 3 years academic teaching experience or 3 years experience as Clinical Instructor.
- **For Medical School**
  - Doctor of Medicine with 3 years teaching experience.
  - A Fellow or Diplomate
- For Deans, experience as academic head necessary.

COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS / PROFESSORS

(For NCR, Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao branches of AMACC, ACLC and ABE)

- Masteral degree/ units an advantage; at least 3 years teaching experience

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS (High School & Grade School)

(For Cebu, Davao and other branches in NCR/Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)

- MA holder with 5 years teaching experience and with exposure in school management.

For *MARITIME ACADEMY& NURSING SCHOOLS*

(Pangasinan, Bacolod, Iloilo, Cebu, Davao, Fairview, Tacloban, Zamboanga, East Rizal, Batangas, Manila, Cavite, Laguna)

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

- Must have at least 3-4 years marketing /sales experience at a managerial level. Pref. MA/MBA graduate of reputable school here & abroad
- Knowledgeable in maritime industry with excellent communication skills.
- Willing to be assigned in branches mentioned above/ Local residents preferred

DEANS

(Recto, Batangas, Pangasinan, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu, Davao)

- BS Marine Trans / Marine Engr. Grad w/ masteral units in any field.
- At least two years shipboard exp. as Chief Mate or Second Engr. Officer;
- Teaching experience preferred . Willing to be assigned in any branch..

FACULTY

(Recto, Marikina, Batangas, Pangasinan, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu & Davao)

- At least Holder of Operational Level Certificate (3rd or 4th Engineer License)
- A year of relevant shipboard experience. Willing to be assigned in branches mentioned-above.

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

SALES ENGINEERS

- BS EE / ECE graduate; 1-2 years sales experience; Hardworking and resourceful; excellent written and communications skills;

HRD SUPERVISORS / ASSISTANTS

(Quezon City, NCR, Batangas, Lucena, La Union, Tuguegarao, Iloilo, Cebu, Davao)

- Psychology / Behavioral Science graduate ; with 2-3 years relevant experience.
- For Assistants, working knowledge in HRD is a must.

PURCHASING SUPERVISORS/ ASSISTANTS

•Business Administration graduate or any four year related course. At least 2 years work experience in a supervisory capacity.

- For Assistants, working knowledge in purchasing is a must

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

- Fresh graduate with one year work experience in Advertising

INTERNAL AUDITORS / ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS, ACCOUNTANTS and ASSISTANTS

(Quezon City, NCR, Cabatuan, Tarlac and other provincial branches)

- Accounting graduate, CPA; with 2-3 years relevant experience

SYSTEM AUDITORS / ANALYSTS

BS ComSci / BS Accounting, CPA. With 1-2 years exp. In programming, coding, testing, debugging, hardware, networking knowledge, computer auditing. Good in oral and written communication.

MARKETING / ADMISSION OFFICERS

(Quezon City, Fairview, NCR, Dagupan, Lucena, Tuguegarao, La Union, Cebu, Davao, Zamboanga)

- Graduate of Management, Marketing, or any related course; with 2 years marketing/sales or relevant experience.

LIBRARIANS / LIBRARY CLERKS

- Licensed BS Library Science graduate with MA units.
- 3 years work experience in library works.

HARDWARE DESIGN ENGINEERS / TECHNICIANS

- BS COE / ECE graduate. Preferably Licensed. 2-3 years experience in PCB making such as: PROTEL, SMART ART WORK OR CAD PCB& AUTOCAD. Knowledgeable in Silk Screening.

CASHIERS / STOCKMEN

(For Quezon City)

- College level with relevant work experience gained from retail - store operations of not less than one year.

FOR MARITIME ACADEMY/NURSING SCHOOLS

CHIEF MARKETING OFFICERS

- 5 yrs. Marketing/sales experience in managerial capacity
Willing to travel to NCR/Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

LIBRARIANS, NURSES, PHYSICIANS, & DENTISTS

(Recto, Marikina, Batangas, Cebu, Pangasinan, Iloilo, Bacolod, Davao)

- Above - mentioned positions are for manpower pooling
- Willing to be assigned in any branches as mentioned above

Only qualified applicants shall be accommodated. Indicate desired position and preferred area of assignment at the bottom right portion of the envelope. Interested applicants may send an application letter, comprehensive resume with recent 2X2 picture and a copy of transcript of record and other related credentials to :

FOR VISAYAS APPLICANTS

HRD - AMACC CEBU
2/F Angelica Building, Osmena
Boulevard, Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 2530467 / (032) 2557721

FOR NCR / LUZON APPLICANTS

RECRUITMENT SECTION
CORPORATE HUMAN RESOURCES
AMA GROUP OF COMPANIES
AMA Building II, Panay Avenue, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 3733901-08 loc. 262/Telefax 3711661
Email address : HR-Recruitment@amaes.edu.ph

FOR MINDANAO APPLICANTS

HRD - AMACC DAVAO
Ruby Street, Marfori Heights
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☑ With strong leadership qualities, high initiative and organizational skills
☑ Must have the potential to work in all areas of HR with minimum supervision
☑ Must be people-oriented, mature, analytical and highly motivated
☑ Must be able to adapt to a fast working environment
☑ Proficient in English communication and computer programs

RETAIL MANAGER

☑ Male, at least 25 years old
☑ Graduate of a (4) four-year degree course
☑ Preferably with work experience in boutique operations
☑ With strong leadership and excellent communication skills
☑ Highly presentable, results-oriented, proficient in computers
☑ Willing to work on weekends and holidays

TRAVEL COORDINATOR

☑ Female, 26-30 years old, mature
☑ Graduate of any 4-year course
☑ Good background in handling travel matters
☑ Good communication skills
☑ Intelligent
☑ Good interpersonal skills

AUDIT ANALYSTS

☑ Female, between 21-27 years old
☑ BS Industrial Engineering or Accounting graduate
☑ Preferably CPA, and/or with related job experience in external/internal audit, accounting, methods systems analysis and design
☑ Computer literate
☑ Reliable, hardworking, trustworthy, with good moral character

FINANCIAL ANALYSTS

☑ Between 21-35 years old
☑ Accounting graduate, computer literate
☑ Proficient in oral and written communication with analytical ability
☑ Preferably with related work experience
☑ Willing to work beyond regular office hours

LEGAL ASSISTANT

☑ Male, not over 35 years old
☑ Graduate of any four-year course
☑ Preferably with experience in law/fiscal's office
☑ Computer literate
☑ With driver's license

SECRETARIES

☑ Female, at least 25 years old
☑ Graduate of any 4-year business course
☑ Knowledge in secretarial services
☑ Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
☑ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
☑ Must be computer literate

ARTISTS

☑ Male, between 21-30 years old
☑ Fine Arts or Interior Design graduate
☑ With creative skills in drawing, lettering, silk screening, flower arranging, etc.
☑ Willing to work beyond working hours

MAKE-UP ARTISTS

☑ Male, Female, Gay, between 21-30 years old
☑ Graduate of any 4-year Business course
☑ At least 5'2" in height with pleasing personality and clear complexion
☑ Preferably with skin care experience/Cosmetology background
☑ Good in oral communication skills

BEAUTY THERAPISTS

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ 5'2" and above in height
☑ With pleasing personality and clear complexion
☑ Graduate of Nursing or Physical Therapy
☑ With good communication skills
☑ Preferably near Alabang area

BEAUTY CONSULTANTS

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ Graduate of any 4-year Business-related course
☑ At least 5'2" in height with pleasing personality and clear complexion
☑ Preferably with skin care experience/Cosmetology background
☑ Good in oral communication skills

SALES ASSOCIATES

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ Graduate of any 4-year Business-related course
☑ At least 5'2" in height with clear complexion
☑ Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling
☑ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
☑ Good in oral communication skills

TELEPHONE OPERATOR

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ Graduate of General Radio Communication Operator or any related course
☑ With good communication skills (pleasant speaking voice)
☑ Preferably with experience in switchboard and operation
☑ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality

TAILOR

☑ Male, not over 30 years old
☑ At least 1-2 years experience
☑ Must have good communication skills and customer-oriented
☑ Must have initiative, ability and sustained interests in selling
☑ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality

PLUMBER

☑ Male, between 21-35 years old
☑ At least High School graduate
☑ With at least three (3) years related work experience
☑ Preferably near Alabang area

Interested applicants may apply personally to:

RUSTAN'S HEAD OFFICE
G/F Rustan Building, EDSA, Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos. 727-0226 loc. 2210/2208 look for Lanie/Anna/Beth

Applicants may be accommodated from Monday to Thursday between 8-12 nn

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As we progress, we are inviting qualified individuals to fill in the following key positions for our Manila-based operations:

REVENUE ASSOCIATES

- to perform audit review, contract entry, and various tasks related to Business process services

- must possess a University degree from reputable schools and with good academic record
- must have good analytical skills and the ability to research and troubleshoot complicated audit matters
- able to navigate audit system conversation 'flow' with speed and accuracy
- must have good grasp of Microsoft Office Products
- with outstanding customer service orientation
- can work independently as well as in a team setting
- with excellent oral & written communication skills
- previous airline experience is a plus, but not required

PROGRAMMERS/ ANALYSTS

- to participate in the development and maintenance of application software components (i.e. coding and system testing)

- with working knowledge of any of the following languages:
  Unix, C, C++, JAVA, Cobol& Web-based programming
- must possess a University Degree in the disciplines of Computer Science, Mathematics or Engineering courses
- with good academic record preferably from any of these reputable schools:
  ATENEO, DLSU, MAPUA, UP & UST
- must be self-directed and have strong leadership presence and business acumen
- with excellent oral and written communication skills

COMPUTER OPERATORS

- to operate and monitor multiple operating systems with a focus on quality service delivery.
- to perform routine tasks like maintain computer equipment and their peripherals; observe peripheral equipment and error messages displayed on monitor of system terminal.
- to detect issues with batch schedules and take action based upon standard operating procedures.
- to analyze and resolve problems associated with server hardware and applications software.
- to detect, diagnose, and report related problems on servers.
- must possess a University degree from reputable schools with good academic record
- basic computer skills required
- with excellent oral & written English communication skills
- familiarity with UNIX, Lotus Notes, and NT a plus.
- must be available for coverage; willing to work long hours/on shifts
- previous computer operator experience is a plus

FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

- to manage all day-to-day facilities issues such as workspace, phones and other facility-related issues to assure that employees have the necessary physical resources to perform their job
- must be a graduate of Engineering, Computer or any Technical-based courses with good academic record
- with 2-4 years related experience, including: PBX and voicemail systems, bulding management
- with good grasp of Microsoft Office Products
- with organizational and administrative skills
- able to troubleshoot computers/hardware, multi-phone line;, and other basic office equipments such as copy machine & fax machine, etc.
- with excellent oral & written English communication skills

Interested applicants may send their resume, recent photo, and official transcript of records to:
The Human Resources Department
NAVITAIRE
16th Floor, Philamlife Tower Bldg,
8767 Paseo de Roxas Street,
Makati City
Fax No: 757-0404
Email Address:
HR.Manila@navitaire.com
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The TRICOM Group is composed of TRICOM Systems (Philippines), Inc. (TSPI) and TRICOM Dynamics, Inc. (TDI).

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BUSINESS UNIT MANAGER (Digital Imaging Systems Group)

- ☞ Extensive experience in marketing, sales & business administration (in copiers, IT products, telecoms business preferred)
- ☞ Ability to conceptualize and implement marketing plans and strategies
- ☞ Strong drive and determination for growth, efficiency and profit
- ☞ MBM degree holder preferred, but not required

IT APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT TEAM LEADER

- ☞ Graduate of any computer-related course from a reputable school
- ☞ With experience in project management, and programming client/server SQL-based systems
- ☞ Knowledge of python, HTML an advantage
- ☞ Highly analytical; Self-motivated; with patience for detail

SR. SALES EXECUTIVES (for Avaya Communication Products)

- ☞ Male/Female, not more than 32 years of age
- ☞ Graduate of any Business or Engineering course
- ☞ Excellent communication skills; pleasant personality and with strong persuasive abilities
- ☞ Minimum 2 years work experience in Sales, preferably handling similar product line
- ☞ Hardworking, energetic and results-oriented
- ☞ Determined to pursue a career in sales

SR. SALES EXECUTIVES (for Fujitsu PABX Systems)

- ☞ Male/Female, not more than 32 years of age
- ☞ Graduate of a 4-year course from a reputable school
- ☞ Minimum 1 year work experience in Sales, preferably handling similar product line
- ☞ Excellent communication skills; pleasant personality and with strong persuasive abilities
- ☞ Determined to pursue a career in sales

SALES EXECUTIVES *

(for Toshiba Copiers, Fax machines, Notebook PCs; and Iwatsu PABX)

- ☞ Male/Female, not more than 30 years of age
- ☞ Graduate of a 4-year course from a reputable school; Business or Engineering graduates preferred
- ☞ Determined to pursue a career in field sales
- ☞ Excellent communication skills
- ☞ Pleasant personality, and with strong persuasive abilities
- ☞ Hardworking, energetic and results-oriented

***FRESH GRADUATES are encourage to apply**

The TRICOM Group has a complement of 300 officers and staff, and offers a compensation and benefits package above industry standards. Successful applicants can look forward to benefits such as life and accident insurance coverage, health maintenance and hospitalization coverage, productivity bonus, free uniforms, etc...

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Interested applicants can send their resumés, transcript of records, recent photo, and contact phone numbers to:

Personnel Department, TRICOM
2/F Metro House, 345 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

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- ☐ Graduate of B.S. - E.C.E., Computer Science or Engineering.
- ☐ Excellent Communication and Sales Presentation Skills.
- ☐ Preferably with experience in Direct Sales and Marketing; Network Design and Administration but not required.

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B. ONE (1) ACCOUNTING STAFF

- ☐ Bachelor of Science in Accountancy graduate.
- ☐ With good scholastic record.
- ☐ Preferably with at least one year experience.

C. ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- ☐ Psychology or Business Administration graduate.
- ☐ Preferably with at least one year work experience.
- ☐ With good scholastic record.

D. ONE (1) SITE ENGINEER

- ☐ Preferably in Electrical Engineering graduate.
- ☐ Knowledge in Structured Cabling is an advantage.
- ☐ Computer literate/MS Office and AutoCAD.

E. ONE (1) AUTO CADD OPERATOR

- ☐ Preferable AutoCAD Training Course/Module Diploma Holder.
- ☐ Knowledge in Electrical and Auxiliary Design.
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- ○ Must be proficient in driving and has a valid Driver's License

MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES

The MR that we are looking must be a Good Administrator of Accounts; self-reliant, responsible, and an Achiever when it comes to Sales Quota Achievement, Collection of Accounts and Implementation of the Company's various Marketing Activities. Proficiency in English is also a must since he/she is expected to do In-Service Training.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ○ Male or Female, between the ages of 21 to 30 years old
- ○ Graduate of B.S. Nursing, Medical Technology or any related Field in Science
- ○ Must be proficient in driving and has a valid Driver's License

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On call 24-Hours a Day, he will be responsible for Troubleshooting, Maintenance and Repair of the Company's Diagnostic and Medical Equipment that are installed in various hospitals and laboratories nationwide.

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- ○ Male, between the ages of 21 to 35 years old
- ○ Graduate of B.S. Electronics & Communications Engineering
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(OG-SM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year experience in retail operations, food chain or in sales in the same capacity

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS (OG-CSM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- with pleasing personality and enthusiastic in handling customer inquiries and concerns
- at least 1 to 2 years work experience in customer relations

COUNTER / CHECKING MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS (OG-CCM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year experience in counter or credit card transactions in the same capacity

WAREHOUSE MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS
(OG-WM/S)

- male, not over 32 years old
- graduate of Commerce or Industrial Engineering
- with intensive experience in warehousing and other related functions

CUSTOMER RELATIONS SERVICE SUPERVISORS / REPRESENTATIVES (OG-CRS S/R)

- male, 5/5 ½ " in height; 22-32 years old
- female, 5'2" in height ; 21-32 years old
- graduate of Criminology or at least 2nd year college
- flexible to different work assignments

Candidates for the position should have the following competencies:

- excellent communication skills, both in verbal and written forms
- can relate well with all levels of the organization
- proficient in computer software applications
- team-player, goal-oriented and able to work well under pressure

SUPPORT / ADMINISTRATION GROUP

DIVISION MERCHANDISE MANAGER
(SAG-DMM)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- with at three (3) years exposure in handling merchandising activities such as buying, negotiating with vendors on pricing and product development
- has experience in formulating, analyzing and implementing merchandise strategies to meet the sales and goals within optimum inventory levels

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS MANAGER / COORDINATOR (SAG-ADCM)

- not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year course
- with at least two (2) years experience in the same field

ACCOUNTING MANAGERS / OFFICERS
(SAG-AM / O)

- not over 32 years old
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- at least 2 years related work experience in the same capacity and adept in all accounting operations

TRAINING OFFICERS
(SAG-TO)

- not over 32 years old
- graduate of Education, Psychology, Behavioral Science or any 4-year business course
- at least 2 years related work experience in human resource development
- knowledgeable in the conduct of training needs and analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of training programs and activities related to behavior and skills of employees

PERSONNEL OFFICERS / SUPERVISORS
(SAG-PO / S)

- female, not over 32 years old
- graduate of Law, Psychology, Behavioral Science or any 4-year business course
- at least 3 years work experience in all facets of personnel management
- willing to work on weekends and holidays

DESIGN OFFICERS (SAG-DEO)

- female, not over 28 years old
- graduate of Architecture, preferably licensed
- knowledgeable in AutoCAD application

DISPLAY OFFICERS

- not over 32 years old
- graduate of Fine Arts, Advertising or Interior Design or any related 4-year course
- at least 1 year experience in visual merchandising

COMPUTER OPERATORS / POS TECHNICIANS (SAG-CO / POS)

- not over 28 years old
- graduate of Computer Science / Engineering
- preferably with experience in the repair, trouble shooting and maintenance of cash registers

ENGINEERING OFFICERS
(SAG-EO)

- male, not over 30 years old
- graduate of Mechanical or Electrical Engineering, preferably licensed
- at least 1 year supervisory experience in building operations/property management

SECRETARY (SAG-SEC)

- female, not over 28 years old
- graduate of Economics, Management or any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year related work experience

NURSES (SAG-N)

- female, not over 32 years old
- graduate of BS Nursing, preferably licensed
- at least 2 years experience in medical establishment or as a Company Nurse

TREASURY SUPERVISORS (SAG-TS)

- female, not over 32 years old
- graduate of Accounting or Banking & Finance
- at least 2 years supervisory experience in accounting, funds management or treasury functions
- familiar with banking operations & Central Bank procedures

OFFICE ASSISTANTS (SAG - OA)
(Human Resources * Accounting * Treasury * Customer Service)

- female, not over 25 years old
- graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Communication Arts, Business Management, Banking & Finance, Accountancy or Computer Science

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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Candidates must be a graduate of Mechanical Engineering; with at least 6 years experience in Ground Support Equipment preventive maintenance, inspection and repair; and must have a valid Driver's License.

GSE OPERATOR

Candidates must be High School graduates preferably with at least two years of Vocational education; can operate all ground support equipment like main and lower deck loader, conveyor, tug, pushback tractor, etc; and must have a valid Driver's License.

GSE MECHANIC

Candidates must be graduates of a Technical/Vocational course; with at least 5 years experience in Ground Support Equipment preventive maintenance, inspection and repair and must have a valid Driver's License.

All candidates must have good communication and interpersonal skills.
Competitive compensation packages and training programs await successful candidates.

Interested applicants are requested to submit their comprehensive resumés with two (2) recent ID photos on or before 15 May 2002 to:

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
2/F Mary Bachrach Building, 25th corner A.C. Delgado Streets, Port Area, Manila beside the Manila Hotel
E-mail: **hrd@tdgworld.com**
Telephone Nos.: **527-8888**

United Nations Development Programme

URGENT RECRUITMENT

An international organization based in Makati City is in need of the following:

A. PROGRAMME MANAGER – PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Principal Accountabilities (Technical)

1. Oversees and manages implementation of the UN Multi-donor Programme for Peace and Development in SZOPAD, ensuring systems are in place and effectively functioning.
2. Oversees the UNDP's role as Administrative Agent of the 3rd Phase of the UN MDP
3. Ensures effective use of budgets allocated to UN agencies.
4. Provides programme and policy advice to national counterparts and promotes translation to action plans.
5. Manages ongoing programme for relevance and quality results while meeting delivery targets.
6. Liaises with UN agencies for optimal delivery of services.
7. Provides guidance to the programme coordinator in Mindanao and trouble-shoots when necessary.
8. Follows up MDP projects with potential linkages with bilateral donors and implementing agencies.
9. Creates and executes strategies to influence government policies within the realm of the programme.
10. Coordinates policy advocacy programme development with CO and Mindanao Support Group.
11. Drafts TOR for thematic evaluation for programme learning.
12. In close coordination with the Resident Coordinator Advisor, provides inputs to Mindanao Support Group and UNCT agenda.
13. In close coordination with the Resident Coordinator, ensures regular reporting to and meeting of donor support group.
14. Ensures timely and proper reporting to the donors.

Job Requirements

- Master's degree in economics, development economics, social sciences, political sciences or related fields.
- At least 4 years experience in programme/project formulation, implementation, evaluation and overall management, advocacy experience an asset.
- Strong results-orientation
- Excellent negotiation skills: consensus-building skills; facilitation skills a plus.
- Close familiarity and working relationships with key national and international agencies
- Ability to work cooperatively with others in the performance of tasks
- Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural background
- Community organizing/conference organizing experience
- Working knowledge of the UN System an asset
- Excellent independent judgment
- Excellent communication skills in English, both oral and written; ability to write and speak clearly, concisely, and quickly in different styles and formats; knowledge of one or more national languages particularly dialect in the Southern part of the Philippines an asset
- Flexible and adaptable to changing environments

Duration – Initial appointment will be for a period of six (6) months with possible extension.

Gross Salary Rate: Minimum of P67,000.00 per month and maximum of P99,000.00 per month. The selected candidate will receive a salary depending on his/her background and work experience.

B. HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATE

Principal Accountabilities (General)

1. Manage Personnel Unit including monitoring of efficiency and liaising with other units/programmes and Headquarters on personnel-related issues as well as reporting on personnel activities.
2. Interpret and implement human resources policies, practices and procedures to meet the evolving needs of the organization.
3. Supervise personnel contracts, administration, review workloads guide and support staff to ensure smooth work flow, including improvements to staff member's Terms of Reference.
4. Plan, organize, manage and supervise the work of the Personnel Assistant.
5. Serve on various committees.
6. Participate and lead human resources projects.
7. Keep abreast of developments in various areas of human resources.
8. Perform other duties as may be assigned from time-to-time.

Recruitment and placement

1. Project and monitor vacant posts and ensure adherence to policies and procedures in filling the posts.
2. Consolidate/Prepare Resource Strategy Table in consultation with Programme Division and Operations Support Group.
3. Review shortlisted candidates for the vacant post.
4. Conduct interviews jointly with concerned supervisor for selection of candidates.

Administration of Entitlements

1. Provide advice on interpretation and application of policies, rules and regulations and on exceptions to policies, rules and regulations.
2. Recommend/review level of remuneration for consultants and temporary support staff.
3. Represent the office in joint bodies and working groups such as: UNCT – Operations Management Team, Common Services, relating to conditions of service.
4. Monitor, advise and act on disciplinary matters in accordance with established policies and procedures.
5. Advise and counsel staff in respect of rights, responsibilities, code of conduct and difficulties associated with work and entitlements.
6. Proactively brief staff on entitlements and changes in policies.

Staff Training and Development

1. Provide induction orientation and briefing to new staff members through the Staff Association.
2. In coordination with the Learning Manager, identify and analyze training needs and design training programmes to meet needs.
3. Provide career counseling to staff at all levels in all categories.
4. Monitor staff welfare and identify and propose remedial action.

Job Requirements

Knowledge, ability and skills, including personal qualities and human relationships:

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) preferably in public or business administration, human resources management, education, social science or related area or relevant combination of academic qualification and extensive experience in human resources management or related area.
- 5 years experience in human resources management/personnel administration and international organization
- Wide-ranging experience in personnel management at the national level
- Experience in implementing career development schemes and maintaining performance appraisal system
- Knowledge of personnel management theories and practices and personnel computerized system.
- Familiar with the UN system an asset, if none, must be able to master/familiarize the UN system with the initial period of appointment
- Very good inter-personal and communication skills.
- Ability to analyze and present information or draft material in a clear and logical manner
- Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural background
- Maintain a high standard of personal conduct, confidentiality and integrity
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written; ability to write and speak clearly

Duration – Initial appointment will be for a period of six (6) months with possible extension.

Gross Salary Rate: Minimum of P69,000.00 per month plus benefits.

The selected candidate with receive a salary depending on his/her background and work experience.

Applicants are requested to complete P.11 form, available on our website www.undp.org.ph (click on UNDP Philippines>Jobs) and send to hrd.ph@undp.org on or before 3 MAY 2002. Kindly note that only completed P11 form will be reviewed.

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The Information Technology Manager will be responsible for directing, managing, assessing and organizing company's IT needs covering the areas of hardware/software and telecoms. The candidate must have at least three (3) years progressive experience in the same capacity acquired from a Call Center or IT solutions environment. Must have solid foundation in using Microsoft platforms such as Windows NT, SQL, Microsoft 2000. Candidates must possess at least a Bachelor's/College Degree in Engineering (Computer/Telecommunication), Computer Science/IT or equivalent. He/she must have the ability to mentor and motivate technical staff and deliver projects as required.

Receptionist - Night Shift (Code: FD-Admin)

The candidate must be a University/College graduate. Familiar with fundamentals of customer service; excellent in oral and written communication. Must have basic knowledge in operating PABX system; Computer literacy is a must. The candidate must be willing to work in shifting schedule. She should have a pleasing personality and can work with minimum supervision. Persons between twenty-two to twenty-seven years of age are preferred.

General Accountant (Code: GA-Fin)

The General Accountant will be responsible for preparing and maintaining of the company's financial statements, prepares reportorial requirements to government agencies, and maintain files of disbursements and advances. The candidate must be a Certified Public Accountant, with at least two (2) years relevant work experience. Must be proficient in using spreadsheet; knowledge in MYOB software an advantage. Persons must be between twenty-two to twenty-seven years of age.

Payroll Analyst (Code: PA-Fin)

The Payroll Analyst will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of computation, timeliness of release, and confidentiality of information related to payroll. The ideal candidate must have at least 2 years extensive experience in payroll administration. Must have sufficient knowledge in government mandated regulations (ie. Tax, SSS, HDMF, PhilHealth, etc) and Philippine wage law. The candidate must be an Accounting graduate; must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He/she must have excellent interpersonal skills. Persons between twenty-five to thirty years of age are preferred.

Interested parties are requested to submit their comprehensive resume indicating the position code to:
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Attn: Human Resources Department
29/F IBM Plaza, Eastwood City Cyberpark, E. Rodriguez Avenue, Bagumbayan, Quezon City
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Dean (College of Marine Transportation)
- With a master's degree and a BS in Marine Transportation or have attended IMO MC 6.09
- With at least a chief mate license
- With a least two years teaching experience

Dean (College of Marine Engineering)
- With a master's degree and a BS in Marine Engineering or have attended IMO MC 6.09
- With at least a second engineer license
- With at least two years teaching experience

Dean for Student Affairs
- With a master's degree and a BS in either Marine Transportation or Marine Engineering

Instructors (Marine Engineering and Marine Transportation)
- Graduate of BS Marine Engineering or BS Marine Transportation
- With at least one year shipboard experience

Instructors (Mathematics, English, Science, Physical Education and Computer)
- Holder of relevant bachelor's degree
- With at least one year teaching experience

Training Head for Seafarers Rating Courses
- Graduate of BS Marine Engineering or BS Marine Transportation

Training Head for Hotel and Restaurant Management for Passenger Ships
- Graduate of Hotel and Restaurant Management or Hospitality Management
- With at least one year work experience in a similar capacity or managerial experience in a hotel or restaurant

Training Head for Computer Programming and Computer Network Technician Courses
- Graduate of Computer Science or Computer Engineering
- Has at least one year work experience in a similar capacity or managerial experience

Guidance and Admissions Officer
- Graduate of Psychology, Guidance and Counseling or Education
- With at least two years experience as Guidance Counselor

Librarian (Learning Resource Center)
- Graduate of Library Science
- With at least one year work experience in the same capacity

General Services Supervisor
- Graduate of civil, electrical or mechanical engineering
- With at least one year supervisory experience in building and equipment maintenance, safety and security

General Service Staff
- Graduate of a two-year technical-vocational course

Accounting Supervisor
- Graduate of Accounting
- With at least three years relevant experience
- With background in purchasing, payroll, cashiering, billing and collection

Accounting Clerk
- Graduate of Accounting

Personnel Staff
- Graduate of Psychology
- With background in psychological testing and personnel functions

Information Clerk (Registration)
- Graduate of Business or Liberal Arts courses
- Computer literate

Evaluation Clerk (Registration)
- Graduate of Education, Social Science or Statistics
- Can handle numerical analysis

Nurse
- Graduate of Nursing (registered)
- With at least one year relevant experience

- **These are very urgent requirements. Please bring the necessary certificates and documents. Previous applicants need not apply.**
- **Interested parties may submit or mail their resume, transcript of records and 2 pcs. recent "2x2" photo to HRD, 2nd Flr., PPCNI Bldg., 1736 Dian St., Palanan, Makati City or email us at mlabingisa@yahoo.com**

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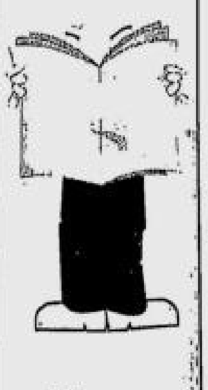

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- BS ME/ECE Graduate
- With experience in manufacturing & machine maintenance
- Trained in SPC and TPM
- Computer literate
- Willing to be assigned in Sta. Maria, Bulacan

PRODUCTION ENGINEER

(Plastics)

- 23 - 30 years old; Male
- BS ME/ECE/EE Graduate
- With experience in manufacturing firm with at least 2 years experience in plastic making
- SPC and computer literate
- Willing to be assigned in Sta. Maria, Bulacan

QUALITY SYSTEMS ENGINEER

- 22 - 28 years old; Male
- Graduate of Mechanical Engineering
- Preferable Licensed
- Must have hands-on experience handling Quality Assurance and ISO in a manufacturing set up
- Willing to be assigned in Sta. Maria, Bulacan Plant.

PROCESS ENGINEERS

- 20 - 30 years old; Male
- Graduate of BS Chemical Engineering (preferably licensed)
- With at least 2 years experience as Process Engineer or R&D Engineer gained from a manufacturing firm
- Experience from ITDI an advantage
- Willing to be assigned in Sta. Maria, Bulacan

SALES TRAINEES (10)

- 21 - 30 years old; Male
- Graduate of any 4-5 year course
- Experience in Sales is an advantage
- Willing to relocate or to travel
- With excellent communication skills and strong power to convince
- Computer Literate
- Skilled in driving
- Good Body Built

HR ASSOCIATE

- 25 - 30 years old; Male
- Graduate of any Behavioral or Business Course
- Must be experienced in Training and Organizational Development
- Computer Literate
- Possesses excellent communication skills
- Willing to be assigned in Sta. Maria, Bulacan

ACCOUNTANT

- 23 - 30 years old; Male or Female
- Graduate of Accountancy
- A Certified Public Accountant
- Must be an experienced Accountant, preferably in a manufacturing set up
- Proficient in Computer
- Possesses very good communication skills

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Job Responsibility: Under the Direction of SVP and General Manager, responsible in the implementation of all Human Resource Activities such as Recruitment, Salary Administration, Job Evaluation, Performance Appraisal, Labor Relations, Employees' Discipline, etc.

Qualifications: Male or Female, not more than 35 years old, at least 3 years managerial experience in HRD, psychology or any behavioral course graduate, computer literate and with excellent oral and written communication.

Training Officer - (Code: TO)

Job Responsibility: Under the Direction of SAVP for Marketing, responsible in conducting and/or implementing sales training programs such as Basic Non-life Insurance course; salesmanship program and training the trainor program. To be assigned from time to time in the provinces.

Qualifications: Male, not more than 30 years old, at least 2 years experience in sales training, psychology or any behavioral course graduate, computer literate and with excellent oral and written communication.

Sales Agents - (Code: SA)

Job Responsibility: Under the Direction of SAVP for Marketing, responsible in the solicitation of non-life insurance business (commissioned-based).

Qualifications: Male or Female, at least 20 years old, new graduates are also invited, people-oriented and sales-driven individuals.

Interested parties are requested to bring comprehensive resumé and transcript of records with recent picture.

Please apply in person on April 22, 2002 at

Human Resource Department
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648 T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila
(Beside Manila Doctors Hospital)

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PROCUREMENT ASSISTANT (01-ProAst)

The person we have in mind shall assist in buying the production requirements of both export and local products. He should possess good communication and analytical skills, must be results oriented and well honed skills in human relations and interaction and can work under minimum supervision. Graduate of Business Management or any technical course with at least 1 year experience working in the same field of expertise and must be computer literate.

HRD ASSISTANT (01-TrnAst)

The key objective of the HRD Assistant is to provide technical, administrative and clerical support to the HR Department. Must work under minimum supervision, has knowledge of commonly-used concepts, practices, and procedures within a particular field. Must possess excellent communication skills, relies on instructions and pre-established guidelines to perform the functions of the job. Should have a college degree in Psychology or Behavioral Courses with at least 1-2 years equivalent work experience, must be computer literate and must possess ability to make illustrations, designs and preferably some background on audio-visual production.

LOGISTICS SUPERVISOR (06-LogSup)

Experience as a Warehouse Supervisor responsible for handling /storing / distribution of company materials based on plan is an advantage. Should be knowledgeable in inventory management and control. Preferably a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a graduate of any related course. Male, not over 35 years old with at least 2 years supervisory experience in warehouse operation.

JUNIOR ACCOUNTANTS (01-JrAct)

We are looking for graduates of Accountancy, preferably Certified Public Accountant (CPA). With at least 2 years experience in general accounting and bookkeeping will be an advantage. Additional responsibilities include, inventory accounting,AP system and analysis of the whole accounting cycle. Well versed with management services applied in a manufacturing setting is an advantage.

ENGINEERS(Mechanical and Electrical) (01-MEEng)

Graduates of Mechanical / Electrical Engineering course with at least 3 years experience working in a manufacturing firm handling utility machineries such as boilers, retorts and submersible pumps. The people we have in mind should be highly analytical in terms of cost savings and quality endurances of the equipment / machineries as well as experienced in project estimate costing on civil, mechanical and electrical functions and must be computer literate. Licensed Electrical Engineers and AutoCAD experience would be an advantage.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (01-WarSup)

Will oversee the smooth operation of the plant by assuring its maintenance, proper utilization of the available resources such as time, manpower and raw materials. Shall be responsible in creating and implementing warehousing policies. Should be knowledgeable in inventory management and control. Male/Female not over 28 years old with at least 2 years supervisory experience in warehouse operation.

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- ❖ Male/Female, between 21-27 years of age
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- ❖ Knowledgeable in ORACLE, SQL, VISUAL BASIC AND NETWORKING Win NT/98, TCP/IP, PBX
- ❖ PC troubleshooting (Hardware and Software)
- ❖ With six months experienced in the following:
  - Server / LAN Admin
  - Telephone Technician
  - Data Communication

Office and Technical Staff

- ❖ Male/Female, between 21-27 years old
- ❖ Graduate of Computer Science or any computer related course
- ❖ Knowledge in Auto Cad is an advantage
- ❖ With experience in office work, people oriented and can work on extended hours

Recruitment Staff

- ❖ Male/Female, between 21-27 years old
- ❖ Graduate of B.S. Psychology
- ❖ With knowledge in administering and interpreting psychological test
- ❖ With 6 months experience in industrial setting
- ❖ People oriented and can work on extended hours
- ❖ Aggressive, assertive and analytical

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- ❖ Experience in Driving Truck Head
- ❖ Skills in Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- ❖ With professional Driver's License (R Code - 6 & 3,2,1)

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- ❖ Male, between 20-27 years old
- ❖ Vocational or College graduate
- ❖ At least 1 year experience as electrician, mechanic, welder
- ❖ Can read electrical diagram symbol
- ❖ Must be familiar in manufacturing machine trouble
- ❖ Knowledge in compressor repair
- ❖ Knowledge in AVR control

Forklift Operator

(urgent hiring)

- ❖ At least High School Vocational College level
- ❖ Male, between 20-27 years old
- ❖ With 6 months experience in forklift operation
- ❖ With Professional Driver's License
- ❖ Good moral character

Production Operator

(urgent hiring)

- ❖ High School, Vocational or College Level
- ❖ Male, between 20-27 years old
- ❖ Well built and able body
- ❖ Good moral character

You can mail or hand carry your comprehensive resumé with 2x2 picture and transcript of records at the above address. For inquiries, call telephone no. (046) 437-2486, 437-0849. Look for Christian, Wella or Richard or you can e-mail your resumé at hrd_scad@pacific.net.ph (no attachment).

TECHNICAL TRAINING ASST. MANAGER

- Graduate of Industrial Engineering or Behavioral Science/Psychology
- At least two years Asst. Manager experience or four years Supervisory experience in similar capacity
- Computer literate
- Excellent interpersonal & communication skills
- Can design, develop and conduct training programs
- Male or Female
- Age limit is 35

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- At least 3-5 years similar experience preferably in a multinational company reporting to a senior executive
- Graduate of a 4-year course, preferably in Management or Administration
- Possesses leadership qualities and the ability to deal with all levels in the organization
- With pleasing personality and excellent communication skills
- Must be proficient in Windows applications
- Female, age limit is 35

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- Male or Female
- Age limit is 23

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- At least 1 year experience in warehousing and packing operations an advantage
- Must be proficient in Windows applications
- Male or Female
- Age limit is 26

HRD ASSISTANTS/MALE SAFETY ASSISTANT

- Will be assigned either in employee relations, background checking, training and safety
- Graduates of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Business Administration or Engineering (for Safety)
- At least 1 year related experience preferred
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- Must be willing to work on shifts
- Must be proficient in Windows applications
- Male or female, age limit is 24

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Preferably single and with pleasing personality/ Computer Literate

Underwriting Clerk

Male or Female/21-29 years of age/Graduate of any Business Course/Preferably single and with pleasing personality/Computer Literate

Trainor

Male or Female/25-29 years of age/Graduate of any Business Course with at least 1 year experienced as a Trainor/Preferably single and with pleasing personality/Computer Literate

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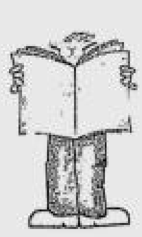

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- Excellent analytical and communication skills
- Organized and highly adaptable to fast-paced environments and multiple projects
- Excellent in sourcing and coordinating with domestic and foreign suppliers
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VISUAL DISPLAY MANAGER: VDM

Responsible for conceptualization, design, and implementation of visual merchandise and display standards.

- At least 3 years experience in visual merchandising
- Excellent in visual, written, oral, and electronic presentation and communication skills
- With superior knowledge in interior design
- Excellent planning, organizing and leadership skills
- Must be able to successfully operate in a fast-paced changing environment working on multiple projects at the same time
- Must have no travel restrictions

DISTRICT MANAGER: DM (Provincial Luzon)

Responsible for developing and implementing store operations and marketing related strategies for the store in the assigned district. He/She motivates and inspires the team to achieve the ideal sales generation and ensures customer satisfaction for maximum productivity and profitability.

- Must have at least 2 years experience in the retail/marketing field and a graduate of any business-related course
- Demonstrates strong administrative and planning skills
- Can successfully handle multiple tasks
- With excellent attention to detail
- Must be willing to travel

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES: MT

Responsible for maintaining and motivating an effective and productive group of sales force.

- Graduates of Business, Economics or other related courses
- Experience in retail and marketing consumer products a plus
- Great interpersonal skills
- Excellent communication, relationship building and conflict resolution skills
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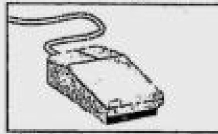

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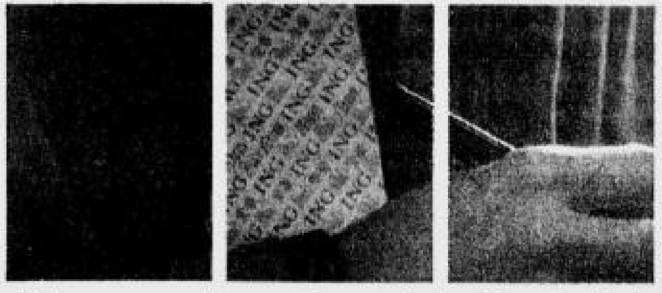

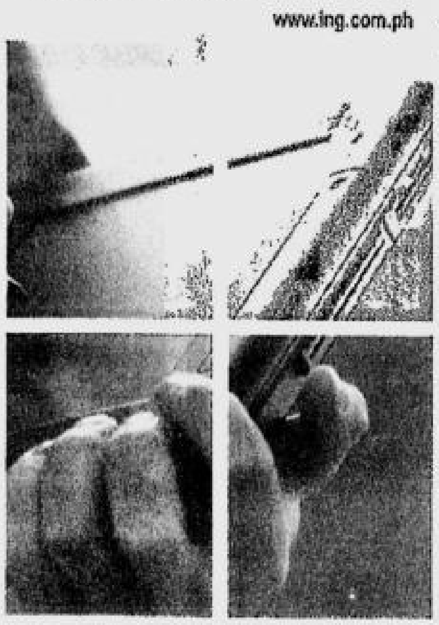

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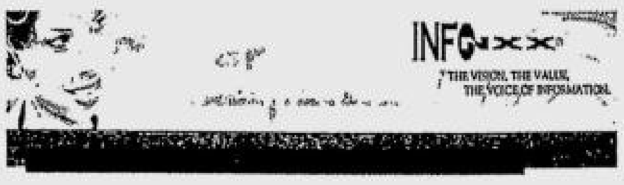

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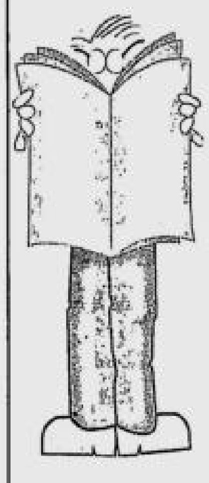

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- with at least three years of real estate selling experience

PROJECT SPECIALISTS

- female between 21-30 years old
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  - with excellent interpersonal and communications skills
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  - with 1-2 years of experience in customer service preferably gained from an insurance company
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- Male, between 25-40 years old
- With at least 2 years experience

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The battery group is heavily involved in the export business. It has manufacturing and distribution facilities in the USA through Ramcar Batteries, Inc. and a nationwide distribution facility in Australia, Supercharge Pty. Ltd.

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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	Female, at least 35 to 40 years old, with at least 5 years experience in all facets of human resource management gained in manufacturing firm, which includes recruitment, training and development, performance management, job evaluation, wage/ benefits administration and CBA negotiation. Graduate of Psychology or Behavioral Science.
ACCOUNTING CLERKS/ BOOKKEEPERS	Female, below 30 years old, accounting experience an advantage. Graduate of Business Administration, Major in Accounting.
ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP OFFICER	Male, between 30 to 35 years old, at least 5 years supervisory experience in administrative services and general corporate affairs. Graduate of any Business Management or related course.
PURCHASING OFFICER	Female, not more than 30 years of age, with at least 3 years supervisory experience in the procurement of raw, packaging and packing materials in a consumer goods manufacturing firm. Purchase contracts/ orders and costs negotiating skills a must. Graduate of a Business Management, Accounting or related Commerce course.
PURCHASING ASSISTANT (MECHANICAL)	Male, 25 to 30 years old, with at least 5 years experience in the procurement of plant machinery and equipment and related mechanical parts, supplies and consumables in a manufacturing firm. Purchase contracts/ orders and costs negotiating skills a must. Graduate of a Business Management, Accounting or related Commerce course.
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PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR	Male or Female, between 25 to 30 years old, with at least 3 years supervisory production experience in a consumer goods manufacturing firm. Graduate of Industrial Management, Industrial Engineering or related course.
QUALITY CONTROL SUPERVISORS	Female, between 25 to 30 years old, with at least 3 years supervisory experience in laboratory, chemical and related quality control operations in a consumer goods manufacturing or pharmaceutical firm. Graduate of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or Microbiology course. Preferably licensed.
QUALITY CONTROL ANALYSTS	Female, between 22 to 25 years old. Relevant experience in laboratory, chemical and related quality control analysis is an advantage. Graduate of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or Microbiology course.
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EVENTS & PROMOTIONS OFFICER	Female, below 30 years of age, with at least 5 years experience in trade and market-wide promotions, events organization and public relations. Graduate of Business Management, Marketing, Mass Communications or related course.
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DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT MANAGERS	Male or Female, 35 to 40 years old, with at least 5 years sales and distribution management experience and solid track record in the consumer goods or related industry and competency in managing different trade channels. Graduate of Business Management, Economics, Marketing or related course.

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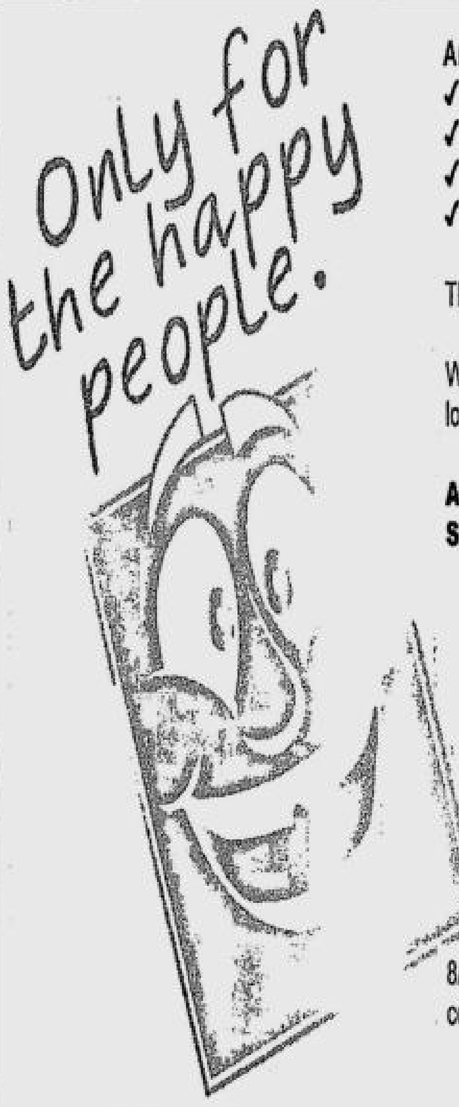
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- At least 3 years of exposure in Sales & Marketing (alternative distribution)

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- Preferably female, 30-50 years old
- Married with dependents
- College graduate, with a business-related course
- At least two (2) years of sales experience
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- Between 25-35 years old
- Single or married
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- Female, between 22-35 years old
- College graduate, major in Business Administration or any related course
- At least 1 year of sales experience in a service-oriented organization
- Good analytical & interpersonal skills
- Has excellent oral and written communication skills
- With a very pleasing personality

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-Must be a bonafide resident of Metro Manila, Bataan, Legazpi CAMANAVA.
-People-oriented with good public relations and salesmanship skill.
-Articulate and possesses strong leadership ability.
-Flexible & willing to work on rotating shifts.

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES

-Male or Female, not more than 27 years old.
-A graduate of any BS HRM, BSC, Management, Marketing, Accounting, Economics, Business Administration, Financial Management, or any business related course.
-Articulate, presentable and smart.
-People oriented with good salesmanship skill.
-Flexible and willing to work on rotating shifts.

ACCOUNTANT

-Male or Female, not more than 25 years old.
-A graduate of BS Accountancy.
-CPA preferred but not required.
-With at least 2-3 years experience in bookkeeping, treasury and general accounting functions under a computerized environment.
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- Must be computer literate

SALES CONSULTANTS

- Preferably female; at least 5'2" in height
- Between 21-28 years old
- Graduate of a four (4) year course
- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- Must be service-oriented
- Must be willing to work on weekends and holidays

FINANCE OFFICER

- Preferably female
- Between 25-30 years old
- Graduate of Accounting/CPA
- Must possess an analytical mind
- Must have an impeccable integrity and good moral character
- Must be very flexible and willing to do other jobs e.g. HR and administrative work
- Must be computer literate

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- Female
- 30 years old and above
- College graduate with a degree in Human Resources Management preferred
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- At least 5 years work experience in Personnel and Administration

FINANCE

- Female
- 30 years old and above
- CPA
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- At least 5 years work experience as Finance Manager

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- Female
- 30 years old and above
- College graduate (Business Management or Business Administration, Marketing, Economics)
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- At least 5 years work experience as Operations Manager, specifically in the area of mall and tenant management
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- Male or female
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QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MAY SEND THEIR COMPREHENSIVE RESUMÉ, TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS AND A RECENT 2X2 PHOTO TO:

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Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue
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Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets,
Makati City

E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

Powerbooks Specialty Store is in need of:

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REQUIREMENTS:

- ➤ Female, 21 to 26 years old
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REQUIREMENTS:

- ➤ Male or female, not more than 26 years old
- ➤ College graduate
- ➤ Excellent oral and written communication skills
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Interested applicants may send their resumé and recent photo to:

Ms. Jane Mendoza
Powerbooks Specialty Store
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A fast growing Industrial Equipment supplier in the Philippines is in urgent need of the following:

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Qualifications:

- Female, 23 to 27 years old, with pleasing personality
- Accounting graduate with good scholastic records
- Computer literate with knowledge in handling computerized accounting system
- Preferably with 2 years experience in handling wage and salary administration and government mandated benefits.

PURCHASING STAFF

Qualifications:

- Female, 23 to 27 years old, with pleasing personality
- Graduate of any business course with good scholastic records
- Preferably with 2 years experience in the same field
- Computer literate

AUTOCADD OPERATOR

Qualifications:

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Rm 305, SGS Foundation Bldg
Araneta Avenue, Sto. Domingo, Quezon City
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Due to the urgency, we request applicants to email their resume to: mitnoso@mass-i.net or mail with an I.D. photo to P.O. Box 100 c/o the Philippine Daily Inquirer, 5th Level, Bldg. B SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City • Attention: MITI Admin Mgr. Applicants who wish to have their resumes processed fast but cannot email may bring their resume to our research office at Unit 303, Prestige Bldg., Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig, Metro Manila. For directions, you may call: 635-5982 or 632-9356.

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- Dedicated, Team Player & Can handle pressure

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HR DEPARTMENT
Room 602 Metropolitan Terraces Condominium
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Tel. No. 896-7443/44 Fax No. 899-6694
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Manila Branch
Unit 6 ASA Building,
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HR Manager
Katolec Phils. Corp.
103 East Main Avenue, Laguna Technopark, Biñan, Laguna
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- preferably residing in Makati or Paranaque

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- Can work with minimum supervision
- With pleasing personality
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Company Profiles

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engaged in the Marketing and retailing of ready-to-wear garments for the Philippine market.

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In November 2001, PNTI started the full automation of its operations. PNTI has adopted the Integrated Training Institute System (IT IS) designed to facilitate the operations of the Institute from course scheduling, registration, grading, billing and collection to release of certificates.

PNTC, as a College, is currently spearheading the establishment of over 15 regional maritime and technological college nationwide. As a pioneer in this pilot project, PNTC is imbued with the basic objective of bringing quality training and education nearer to the countryside.

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The products manufactured by FCPP are all export items that will find their way in the booming international market particularly in the United States of America, Europe, and Japan. Fujitsu currently has storage device and component parts manufacturing facilities located in Japan, the US, Thailand, and Vietnam.

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In November 1998, ADT was acquired by Tyco International and became part of the Tyco International group of companies to complement the existing Tyco Fire and Security Services (TFSS) operations and infrastructure around the world. (Further information regarding Tyco International and ADT can be obtained from our websites www.tycofire.com and www.adtsingapore.com and www.adt.com.ph.) Tyco International, in it's effort to continue substantially increasing it's residential sales decided to take the ADT Authorized Dealer Program international. Authorized Dealers now operate in the US, Europe, Canada, Central and South America, Asia and Australia.

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Now celebrating its 5th Anniversary SCAD Services (s) Pte., Ltd. Continues to evolve into a world class manufacturing company as proven in its ISO 9002 certification, awarded July 8, 1998. Also awarded Top Sectoral Export Performer Citation for Furniture Category for 1999.

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The Heritage Hotel Manila

THE HERITAGE Hotel Manila is situated at the heart of Metro Manila's commercial, corporate and entertainment districts of Makati and Manila. Located at the corner of Roxas Boulevard, famous for its sunset at the bay and Epifanio Delos Santos Avenue (EDSA), it is only a few minutes away from the international and domestic airports.

This deluxe hotel boasts of 453 guest rooms and suites showcasing the finest amenities and facilities. Its deluxe suites and executive floor rooms have coffee and tea-making facilities for its more discriminating clientele. Its also features non-smoking and handicap-friendly rooms. Highlighting these are the Millennium Club rooms on the 8th and 9th floors. The Millennium Club Lounge functions as a complex business center with multiple support facilities like a mini-library, private meeting rooms, facsimile and photocopying services and serves complimentary breakfast, hors d' oeuvres and cocktails at the lounge. This is geared to satisfy all the corporate dealings and transactions of the guests while saying in the country. It is comprehensive that it entails the guest to accomplish all work even which is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily while the outdoor swimming pool's operating hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The casino is open 24-hours a day. For special occasions, the hotel offers a variety of venues, which can hold from the most intimate get together to the more elaborate gatherings. Its 14 function rooms all have the necessary function supports facilities. Foremost of these is the Heritage Ballroom, which has elegant interiors and French-inspired designs. It has its own foyer

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SM Department Store's popular theme "We've Got It All" has, through the years, become the country's unofficial shopping anthem for generations of shoppers from all walks of life. At SM there has been an exciting merchandise mix, world-class interiors, a one-stop shopping concept, service and value-plus pricing that have made it part of the lives of many Filipinos.

SM had its beginnings when Henry Sy, Sr. opened the first Shoemart store on October 1958 in downtown Manila. The company expanded its shoe store chain in the sixties, and marked its shift from a store to a full line department store in the '70s.

Today, SM is a dynamic group of companies committed to the highest level of talent, service and expertise in the retail merchandising and shopping center industries. SM has been named one of Asia's most admired companies in surveys undertaken by a prestigious Asian business magazine. More recently, it has been honored as the best Philippine company for strategy and management by Asiamoney, as well as the best managed company in the Philippines by the UK-based Euromoney magazine.

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With focus on its core competencies to create differentiated, superior product value, Chowking has stood the test of shifting tastes, changing lifestyles and a volatile market, to develop its own set of loyal customers that keeps growing year in and year out.

In 1989, in an aggressive bid to expand its client base and capture a bigger share of the market, the company initiated its franchising operations and marked its entry into the provincial market. The twin moves enabled the company to pursue an ambitious expansion program that has made Chowing the largest Oriental quick-service (QSR) chain in the Philippines, enjoying high visibility in all the major cities and towns in the country's main island groups, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

The turn of the millennium was a turning point for Chowking Food Corporation. On January 1, 2000, Chowking became a wholly owned subsidiary of Jollibee Foods Corporation, the largest, most respected restaurant chain in the Philippines. With the merger came numerous changes in Chowking.

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Chowking is poised to contribute significantly to the annual systemwide sales of the Jollibee group. As Jollibee and Chowking gear up for the challenges ahead, both companies are optimizing the advantages of the merger with synergies aimed at cutting costs and improving efficiency in their stores.

AMA COMPUTER

THE EMERGENCE of the AMA Institute of Computer Studies in October 1980 pioneered computer literacy in the Philippines. It was founded by Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V, with his faith in the Filipino's capacity to adapt the latest in technological innovations. A year later, the AMA Computer College was born, together with the launching of the country's first four-year course offering in Computer Science. Responding to the remarkable replication from the youth, Dr. Aguiluz continuously enhanced AMACC's education program by establishing more branches that would provide four to five-year courses.

Dr. Aguiluz felt the need for more specialized yet very accessible computer training programs that would produce highly skilled graduates in less than four years. This brought about the rise of AMA Computer Learning Center in 1986, AMA Telecommunications and Electronics learning Center (AMATEL) in 1996 and ABE International College of Business and Economics in 1999.

In January 1999, AMA Computer College was awarded the prestigious ISO 9001 Certification after passing a rigid, world-standard quality inspection conducted by the Societede General Surveillance (SGS).

In August of 2001, the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conferred University Status to the AMA Computer College making it the first and largest Information and Computer Technology (ICT) based University in Asia. Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V held his investiture as the First ICT University President last 05 February 2002.

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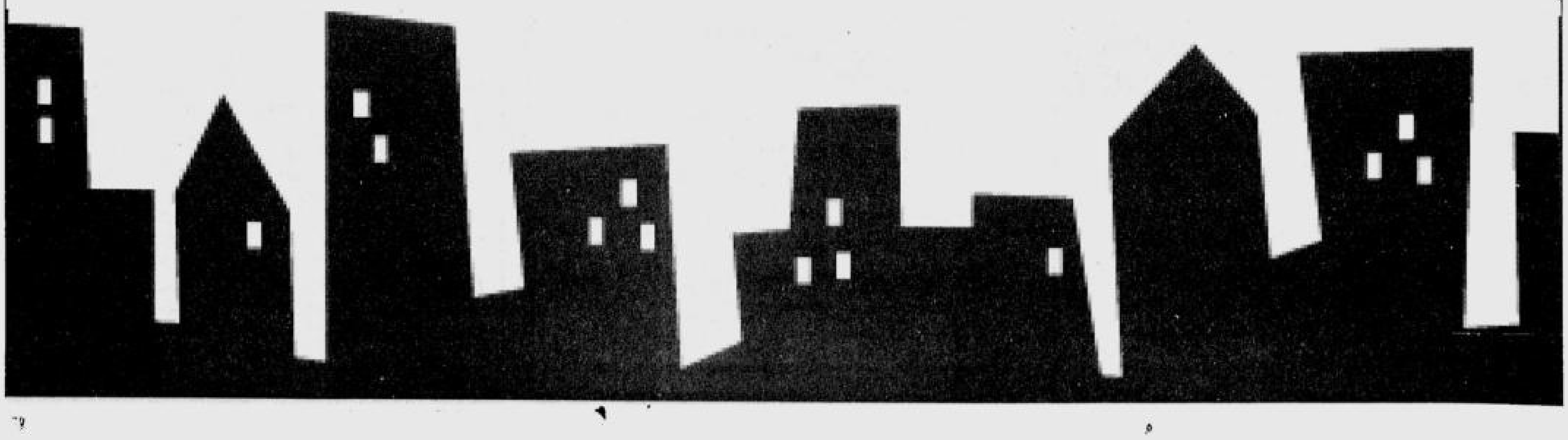

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Nanette Medved Beautiful Bookworm

By Alya B. Honasan
Photographs by Raymund Isaac

"NERD," "boring" and "information junkie" are not the words that immediately come to mind when talking about erstwhile showbiz siren and now talk show host Nanette Medved, but those words are her own. "I'm terrible!" she giggles. "I just love to pick people's brains." Few people know that Nanette grew up in Pampanga reading things like Reader's Digest's Book of Facts and Discover Magazine. Today, the host of the talk show "Cinema One" on cable TV still catches people off guard when she asks questions about two favorite heavyweight reading topics, organized religion and China (!). "I think a lot of people find it annoying when they meet me and I want to talk about things that they didn't expect. I like to meet people who know about things I don't know about, and certain people find that, well, strange. I'm not trying to prove anything. I don't mean to be nosy, I just like to know what's going on in my world!"

In the years since she turned her back on the limelight, emerging from that infamous Filmfest scam mess unscathed, Nanette went back to school, majored in both finance and entrepreneurship at Babson College in Massachusetts, and, in 1999, married her true love, her low-profile businessman husband whom she still doesn't like to talk about.

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The graceful transition from showbusiness to marriage, blooming entrepreneurship and celebrity on her own terms has given this self-confessed information junkie more time to feed her mind – and boy, is she gorging herself!

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She also got the chance to make up for lost time, reading books recommended by some of her mentors, including a favorite professor in China Studies whom she e-mails regularly to this day. Yet, she doesn't trust book listings and tries to avoid browsing in bookstores because "I end up buying too many and don't finish them. And since I don't like having anything pending, that really frustrates me!"

As a bookworm, though, Nanette is incorrigible. She seeks out hardbound books because "paperbacks don't age well." She likes to scribble "notes to self" on margins. "I will not read without a pen, even when it's relaxed reading. That's why you know a book is mine, when things are underlined." Which is why she doesn't lend books, and doesn't borrow them, either. "Imagine if I wrote all over your book! As for the lending, I believe a book I've read and like is irreplaceable. You go through an emotional journey in that first reading, so you can't revisit and underline again. It's an experience you can't repeat."

Although she keeps evenings free for quality time with the hubby, Nanette reads in traffic or when she's waiting. Not a big fiction fan, she held out on the Harry Potter craze until she had no choice during an extended layover in Frankfurt, bought the first book – and almost ran off the plane after the flight to find the next installment. "They were soooo much fun!"

The fascination with religion "as a social force that has really consumed man like no other subject in history" has had her reading a range of tomes, including Karen Armstrong's "Islam: A Short History." "Look at the conflict in the Middle East! People spend so much time differentiating their versions of religion, to the extent of killing each other, when they don't realize they have so many things in common."

When pressed to make a choice, Nanette would pick a great book over a great movie any day. "A book gives you a personal perspective on what's happening. With a movie, it's the filmmaker's perspective, his experience on the material, so you're not able to engage in the creative process and figure out what the story means to you."

She'll take a good conversation over a book, though. "Books give you such warmth, but the warmth of a person can't be matched. A book is a great story that's been written down, so how can you beat the storyteller telling a good story?" Here, we get Nanette to match books with people:

What book or books would you...
...bring to a desert island?

I think the last thing I'd be thinking about on a desert island would be a book, unless I could eat it, hahaha. I don't know – a "how-to" on surviving on a desert island, I suppose.

...adamantly insist that your best friend should read? Give to someone who's feeling down or depressed?

I think that would depend on what type of person he/she is and what the particular source of the anxiety is. Books are like medicine–you really can't issue a sweeping prescription. But if I had to choose an aspirin I would have to say "Tuesdays with Morrie." It's a great humanity check. Also "The Road Less Traveled."

...recommend to a young person who's looking for direction?

Almost certainly, "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey. If someone is openly looking for direction, young or old, this is a great book. It works as a compass that guides you in all aspects of your life. I remember having read it through a confusing time, and the integrity in the advice was extremely helpful.

...put in the mailbox of somebody you can't stand?

Wow! I've never thought of that – why would someone do that? Hmmmm. "How To Make Friends and Influence People"? No, probably something nice and simple, like "The Holy Man." Oh no! Now everyone who got that book from me is going to think I can't stand them!

...probably never finish if you tried?

That's tough because I usually pick my books carefully, and even when one doesn't suit me I still try and finish it, because a) I figure that it shouldn't be a total waste of time, and b) I hate leaving something half done! Having said that, I never finished Wei Jingsheng's "Courage to Stand Alone." One can only read so many Chinese political protest letters from prison!

THE OPIUM WAR THROUGH CHINESE EYES
ISLAM
THE NEW NEW THING
MICHAEL LEWIS
GAIL SHEEHY
HILLARY'S CHOICE

...say has changed your attitude significantly?

There are so many. Just one? "Conversations with God." I have a big religion/theology interest. I read material on most faiths, academic vs. devotional, and I find that this book (though unoriginal) has tied many of these faiths nicely together into a digestible whole. Would I therefore recommend it? Probably not – it's quite sacrilegious if you're a Catholic. There are too many concepts that are contrary to what we are conventionally taught.

...finish in one sitting, without putting it down?

"Tuesdays with Morrie"

...read when you're tired of thinking?

The Harry Potter Series

Nanette's list of **"books I would recommend to someone interested in..."**

1) Politics – "From Third World to First" by Lee Kuan Yew, "The Mystery of Capital" by Hernando De Soto

2) Business – "Jack: Straight from the Gut" by Jack Welch

3) History - "The Opium War Through Chinese Eyes" by Arthur Waley

4) DotComs – "The New New Thing" by Michael Lewis

5) Religion- "Islam: A Short History" by Karen Armstrong

6) Classics- "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo and any of the James Clavell books

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The Cover Image The transition from showbusiness to marriage has given Nanette Medved more time for a favorite pastime
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Poetry

Bridal

I am a bride in waiting in my white bridal gown
With my halfmoon paunch, a day's growth on my cheek
And the startling bulge of my groin
Swollen and expecting, holding my flowers
With my thick, knotted hands
And the end of a train, twisted like telephone wires

I've even hidden a letter in my brassiere
Between two infertile breasts
Between me and myself, saying simply
You are beautiful! Signed in my unmarried name
The last souvenir of a tired and sordid struggle

Today they will pin money to my dress
And throw petals on the path
I will walk in my new white pumps, carefully
I will be able to say
After the hairspray, after the lipstick, after the fuss
The wasted appointments, the distances
For this savage and unspoken beauty,
Quiet and unspoken for
I should be able to say, precisely
It was worth it
All this shit
Everything is perfect.

Angelo R. Lacuesta

Calle Lopez De Hoyos, 66

One day I shall remember this:
the stillness of a late afternoon
in Prosperidad, an affluent district
twelve minutes by subway train
from el centro de Madrid;
the sudden shuffle of feet
and voices from the next apartment;
the sun, still high at six thirty,
shining through ivory-colored lace curtains,
reflecting the six-story yellow whiskey advertisement
from across the street.

Stretched out in the living room divan
I am cocooned, shoulder to toe,
in your eider down blanket,
its dainty gold feather prints silky
in the coolness of early spring.

Ian McEwan's *Amsterdam* is on the shaggy carpet,
Paul Bowles' The *Sheltering Sky* too, half-read.
Glancing at the cross-stitched clock
in your dark wooden bookcase crammed
with volumes in Castilan,
I realize it is time to prepare dinner;
my sense of the present all askew
because of the sunlight, and all
loathe to leave the softest of feather downs,
your roof above my head.

"Una Furtiva Lagrima" drifts in from the kitchen window
(song, and the smell of fried onions)
which opens into an airy central courtyard
where shirts and sheets stir in the clotheslines.

Padding around the kitchen in my cloth slippers
I wash the jasmine rice purchased in Tetuan,

measure the exact amount of water,
plug in the new cooker.
I can almost hear your keys
at the back door, clattering; your voice
singing, "Hola! I smell rice, cooking!"

I shall remember April in Madrid like this:
Day bright at seven in the evening, early spring
bringing a soft edge to waiting, a blurring
of distances, and rice cooked to perfection.

Alice M. Sun-Cua

Bendisyon

Tag-araw iyon nang magising akong
umuulan, kataka-taka,
parang di mapupugtong-hininga
ng biyolin, nakahilig
sa leeg ng isang maestro,
mahimbing at malalim
na panalangin ng isang mortal.

Kung sana'y tubig ang mga hayop,
tubig ang pagkain,
tubig ang gumamela't rosas,
tubig ang tinig ng mga paslit
na paroo't paikot sa looban;
kung sana'y tubig ang bala
sa mga baril at kanyon,
tubig ang mga pusong lupak,
at pag-ibig na kuyom.

kahit nag-aalimpuyo ang init
ng tag-araw ay tatawirin ko
ang tubig, hindi aampatin
ang maalat na tubig sa mata,
hahayaang dumagta ang pawis,
ang lahat ng ligalig ng alumpihit
at papasikip nang daigdig,
na minsa'y pinangakuan ng Diyos
na di na muling
wawasakin.

Maghahati tayo sa tubig
na di mahahati,
at maghahati
sa atin.

Rebecca T. Añonuevo

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By SIM Staff & Contributors

Booked for the Summer

Just the things to go with sand and sun – here are SIM's best bets for books to keep you company this hot summer

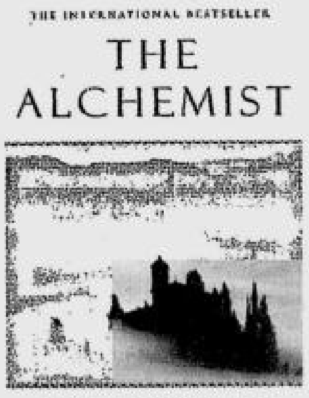
BEYOND a luxuriously golden tan, a bit of snorkeling or maybe even some good old downtime in the backyard hammock, good books are an integral part of anybody's perfect summer. As the temperature reaches record highs, the **SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE** *presents its take on recent and notable releases that can only help make your summer more complete. Whether you're traveling out of town or staying right at home, celebrate the joy of books, free time and dreams with SIM's annual Summer Reading Issue. Ready for your literary summer fling? Let's go!*

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Fiction & Literature

"The Alchemist"

By Paulo Coelho
Harper Perennial

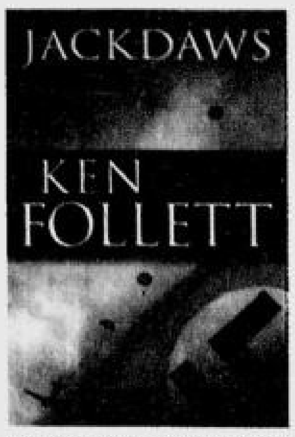


THERE'S no lack here of the, ahem, universal truths such philosophical books are known for (i.e., "Fear evaporates when we understand that our life stories and the history of the world were written by the same hand."). The Detroit Free Press aptly describes this cult favorite as "a little poke in the ribs from on high," and that's what it is – a little poke, for pausing after every page and saying, "Well, that's right, isn't it?" But there are no "Aha!" moments, as "The Little Prince" or "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" this ain't. In fact, Coelho actually overstuffs the story of Santiago the shepherd boy-turned-treasure hunter with too many enigmatic characters and too many magical moments, such that by the tale's semi-surprise of an ending, one is no longer that entranced. It's an engaging story of the power of dreams, great for a stress-free read-through. But it doesn't burn a mark in your soul.

Alya B. Honasan

"Jackdaws"

By Ken Follett
Dutton



WHEN British agent Felicity "Flick" Clairet's team of saboteurs is virtually wiped out while trying to take out a crucial German communications hub, Flick is forced to take a different tack, leading a new team composed entirely of inexperienced women, in order to accomplish her mission. But all is not what is seems as betrayal, deception and doubts cloud the mission's profile, yet Flick knows she must succeed. What she doesn't know just might be the only thing in her way. Hooked yet? This is the pulse-pounding premise of veteran spy author Ken Follett's newest novel, named after the all-women team in the book. Laden with perfect WW2 ambience and Follett's trademark spycraft, it's a quick, satisfying read—and one that feels perfect for a movie, incidentally. Catch her if you can while waiting at an airport or in your bedroom late at night.

Ruel S. De Vera

"The Fire Inside"

By Kat Martin
Pocket Star Books

WOMEN who came of age with Barbara Cartland's breathless novels about romance and intrigue in the royal courts are bound to experience *déjà vu* with this portable *telenovela,* where men are dashing dukes, earls and viscounts, and women are headstrong fillies waiting to be swept off their feet. But where Dame Cartland firmly draws the shades after the first passionate embrace, Martin's updated version has enough steamy passages to make cold showers the best diversion yet this scorching season. The plot so far: He, a magnificent rouge, traps her into a marriage of convenience which, fortunately for us voyeurs, does not keep them from consummating their burning desires. But something in her past haunts them and – well, we're not spoiling your fun.

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

"Portrait in Sepia"

By Isabel Allende
Harper Perennial

WHAT is it about this historical novel spanning several generations that sweeps us along, never mind that it happens in 19th century Chile and the characters are so numerous that one must flip back several chapters just to keep track? A master storyteller, Allende has matured from her magic realism novels to give us an engrossing family saga alternately set amidst Chile's brutal civil wars and San Francisco's gritty Chinatown.

Portrait in Sepia
ISABEL ALLENDE

Straddling both worlds, Aurora del Valle finds herself adrift and constantly searching for her roots. Virtually orphaned at birth and raised by her Chinese grandparents until she was five, Aurora is adopted by the ambitious Paulina del Valle, an imposing matriarch who lays the world at her granddaughter's feet while insisting that she toe the line of conventional behavior. How Aurora eventually discovers her traumatic past and survives the betrayal of her first lover make for a richly textured novel that's epic in scope, lyrical in language, and unflinching in its insights about the complexity of human emotions and family ties. If you can only read one book this summer, this one is it.

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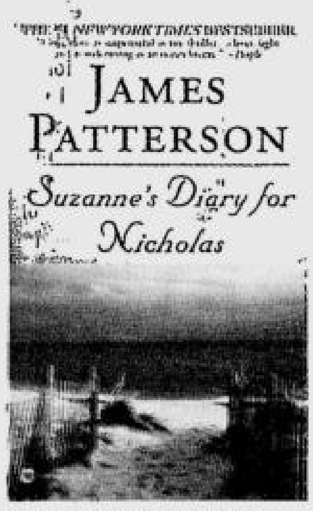
"Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas"

By James Patterson
Warner Books


THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
JAMES PATTERSON
Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas

HERE'S that perfect book to take to the beach when all you want to do is vegetate. Billed as a "powerfully moving and suspenseful novel about families, loss, new love and hope," this book is a fast read and has enough emotional pitch to keep you going until the rather unexpected end. The story revolves around Katie Wilkinson, who thinks she has finally found the perfect man—until he disappears mysteriously from her life. By way of explanation, he leaves her a diary which his wife, Suzanne, wrote for their son, Nicholas. The diary, while sappy and embarrassingly earnest in parts, has an ominous air that builds up to an interesting twist. So move that deck chair to the shade, sit back and enjoy this modern-day fairy tale—at least until that fierce noontime sun mellows and it's time to go for another swim.

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"What Would Buddha Do At Work?"

By Franz Metcalf and Hateley, B.J. Gallagher
National Book Store reprint

AS far as management fads go, this one is probably more benign than previous books which purported to draw management lessons from Machiavelli or Sun Tzu. Its basic premise is:

Be thinner! A discovery: Spirulina that burns fats.

Now you can lose at least 3 kilos per week without dieting–and with a guarantee*

While distilling fresh algae, two French scientists discovered a substance that activates metabolism and makes one slimmer. As you may have read in the papers or seen on television, when metabolism is activated, the body burns the excess fats that are stored in it.

Find out below how you can receive Spirulina treatment for a free trial. And why you can lose 3 kilos per week without strict dieting. Even if you eat so much. It's a fact. The moment you begin your Spirulina treatment, you don't stop losing kilos and inches of your body fats. Because the substances contained in these capsules of algae are going to stimulate your metabolism and in fact:

1) prevent the storage of new fats.
2) reduce accumulation of water and dissolve already formed fatty cells.

How does it work?

It's very simple: while taking two tablets of Spirulina with one to two glasses of water, 3 times per day, you create in your body a burning power that forces you to get thinner even though you continue to eat as usual. Therefore, your weight decreases automatically and permanently. The unsightly bulges disappear. And you lose between 3 and 4 kilos per week.

- No extra effort to exert.
- No tedious dieting.
- No exercises to make.

Why would these famous tablets of Spirulina be then more effective than the other methods or capsules that you may have already tried?

That can be explained by the fact that when you take a capsule of Spirulina 15 minutes before every meal, caloric absorption stops. The mixture of Spirulina with your food cleanses your body and burns fats instead of accumulating them. Besides, Spirulina accelerates the process of digestion, thus preventing what you eat to be stored and added to your weight.

Authentic proofs

In several countries where these capsules are distributed, loss of 10 kilos in weight within 2 weeks is very frequent observation. This has been confirmed by thalassotherapy centers that prescribe treatments of Spirulina to women who have already tried everything, yet in vain.

Here are just some of what they say:

"Throughout the period of this treatment I felt in perfect shape. I didn't feel tired even if I got thinner by 15 kilos."

"It has been 9 months since I went through the treatment of Spirulina. I confirm that not a single kilo of the 12 that I lost came back."

"I thought I'd remain so fat all my life. I had tried everything before. This treatment made me lose 15 kilos and I have recovered my self-confidence because I'm now enjoying my life."

Discover here how this simple action 3 times a day can make you lose all your excess body weight.

What you need to know about Spirulina

– Spirulina is especially recommended to people who have at least 5 or more kilos to lose. Do you have to lose an excess of 5 kilos or more?

– Although it gets every part of your body thinner, it has been observed that Spirulina is more effective for people whose excess body fats are accumulated within the hips and thigh area. Is this also true in your case?

– Spirulina has been proven to be more effective in women than in men. Although men can also get thinner, the process is quite slower due to their hormonal difference.

If despite your efforts, despite everything you may have tried before, you have never succeeded in either getting thinner or maintaining a normal weight... or if in the least food intake, you easily gain 1 or 2 kilos... find out how Spirulina treatment can make you, yourself, get thinner too, even if you go on with your eating habits as usual.

"Six kilos lost in one week. It works like a miracle."

Finally, an effective means to lose all your excess weight

Probably you've always had the tendency to get fat (particularly in the lower portion of your body). Maybe in your family, the women have always been somehow stronger. Now, you need not worry anymore.

Whatever is your nature, it is certain that with this treatment you're going to lose the unwanted kilos that you have in excess.

All those who tried it got thinner... Some used to weigh 5 kilos in excess and lost them. Others had 10 kilos to lose and got rid of them. Still others lost up to 25 kilos of excess body weight.

What is surprising is that you begin to get thinner even within the first days of this treatment. You lose (depending on your body makeup) between 3 and 4 kilos per week, and regularly...

In addition, this works until you reach what the doctors call your "ideal body weight".

Additional advantage: Toward the third day of your treatment, you will feel better, more at ease, more relaxed, you will sleep peacefully... while at the same time, getting thinner yet eating the way you are used to.

Take advantage of this very special offer

Never in the past has been a means or method to get you thinner as powerful and as fast. We are the first to offer it to you because these algae extracts are not available in any drugstore in the Philippines. That's precisely why we invite you to receive a complete treatment for you to try it out at your own home for 30 days.

This way, you can take your own time to find out for yourself the diminishing centimeters in your waistline, hips, thighs and stomach. You will also notice on weighing scale and in the mirror how much of the excess kilos in your body weight has gone away.

Guarantee

If you are not completely satisfied with your weight loss and with the fact that you will not gain more weight back, simply inform us by sending the package and the remaining unused treatment within 30 days following receipt of your package. In this case, I formally guarantee to send you immediately a refund of the amount you paid for the treatment with no questions asked.

You may therefore try it out even out of curiosity because you don't risk losing anything... even a single peso. Send us back the *No-Risk Free-Trial Coupon* below right now before you forget all about it.

When they saw how I got thinner, they couldn't believe their own eyes.

..."My husband used to abandon me, he was ashamed of my body figure"

"Today, I am comfortable with my skin and feeling more attractive."

"It was after a chance meeting with a physician's wife that I succeeded in losing 20 kilos while continuing to eat as usual. She explained to me that she had gotten thinner thanks to this treatment. And without dieting. I told myself that it wouldn't ever work for me. Nonetheless, I tried, perhaps out of curiosity. I took a capsule in one glass of water at noon and in the evening. On the fifth day I went up on a weighing scale: the needle pointed 79 kilos. In short, I had lost 4 kilos in just 5 days. Yet, while eating as usual as I was used to.

I continued to take my capsules regularly and remained getting thinner. In all, I lost 20 kilos. And that is only for a period of two months and half. It happened in September 1992, and since then, I've gained back not even a hundred grams of it. And now I can finally flaunt my pretty dresses and look elegant."

* Or not paying anything if you don't lose all your excess weight.

COUPON FOR FREE TRIAL

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Mandaluyong City, M.M.

YES. I am interested in your invitation for a free trial entirely at your own risks and without any obligation on my part. It is understood that:

1) I must lose between **3 or 4 kilos per week until I reach my "ideal body weight".**
2) I must get thinner without going through any form of dieting, only while taking a capsule of Spirulina 15 minutes before every meal.
3) You officially guarantee that Spirulina is a 100% natural product based on algae and contains no chemical or pharmacological substances.
4) If I am not completely satisfied with my body weight loss or after my trial pack treatment and by the fact that I will not regain more weight thereafter, I can advise you by simply sending back the remaining unopened bottles within 15 days by registered mail following my receipt thereof. In this case, you formally agree to send me immediately a refund of my payment for my package with absolutely no questions asked.

Under these conditions, please send me the Spirulina cure that I choose as follows:

☐ **Double** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose between 8 and 12 kilos for only P2,350.00 + P55 P&H = P2,405.00
☐ **Normal** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose between 5 and 8 kilos for only P1,350.00 + P55 P&H = P1,405.00
☐ **Extra-strength** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose more than 15 kilograms at a price for only P3,050.00 + P55 P&H = P3,105.00
☐ **Maintenance** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose more than 20 kilograms at a price for only P3,550.00 + P55 P&H = P3,605.00
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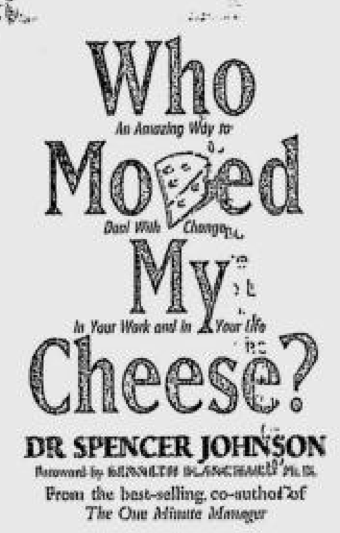
If the Buddha were alive today and holding down a white-collar job, how would he practice Right Livelihood? Using basic principles of Buddhism as a jumping-off point, the book draws 101 scenarios. For instance: What would Buddha do to empower employees? How would Buddha run an effective meeting? How would Buddha mediate between squabbling co-workers? How would Buddha deal with sexual harassment? Rather than present quick fixes, the answers provide points for reflection, and go a long way toward creating a more enlightened approach to work.

Eric S. Caruncho

"Who Moved My Cheese?"

By Dr. Spencer Johnson
Vermilion



THIS one is your ideal team-building seminar material – a story so absurdly simple and full of easily comprehensible "rules" for surviving the corporate rat race, pep talkers go to town with it (and proceed to charge an arm and a leg). "Cheese" is subtitled "An Amazing Way to Deal With Change In Your Work and In Your Life," basically common sense repackaged around the cheese metaphor. Sniff and Scurry are two mice, and Hem and Haw are two people. All four live in a maze, hoard cheese, and re-act in different ways when the routine is upset. The story itself makes for interesting analysis if you're up to it, but skip the inane discussion that follows; real people don't talk that way about change unless they attend seminars for a living. But then again, considering the volatility of the economy and the many adjustments the Pinoy professional has had to make, these are lessons he or she may have already learned, the hard way.

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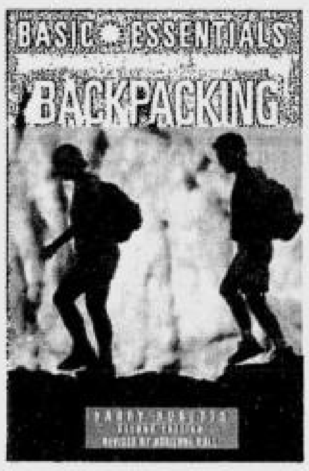
Non-Fiction

"Basic Essentials: Backpacking"

By Harry Roberts
(Second edition revised by Adrienne Hall)
The Globe Pequot Press



THE FACT that this book cites sources only in the United States and quotes average gear prices in dollars may already turn the reader off, but hang on. After you get past Roberts' cutesy prose, you'll find a wealth of helpful information, from the right attitude to the finer points of sleeping bags (down vs. synthetic), shoes (light, middle or heavyweight), backpacks (internal or external frame) and more. Of course, if you take each piece of advice in this book very seriously, your backpacking adventure may cost you more than if you took up golf. As with most how-to tomes, the point is to pick out what helps and apply it to our setting. There's a great section on how to pack and lift a battle-ready backpack without breaking your spine. A Subic hike may not be a trek through the Rockies, but with this book, both can be a lot safer and more comfortable.

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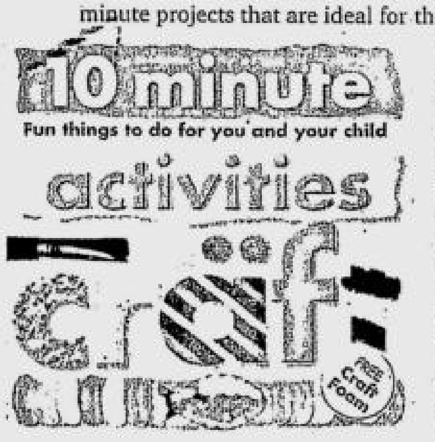
"10 Minute Activities and Craft"

Published by Priddy Bicknell/Macmillan



IT'S six more weeks before school and the unthinkable has happened: your youngsters have had too much TV, and even computer games have begun to pall. Fortunately, this book should keep those grubby little paws busy with 10-minute projects that are ideal for the limited attention span of the seven-year-olds and below. A bonus: The suggested materials are stuff you have in your kitchen—paper plates, plastic water bottles and straws, egg cartons and cereal boxes—stuff you're itching to ditch except you're afraid to be found out by the recycling police. Now's your chance to turn them into music makers, picture frames, hats and masks, planters, finger puppets and so on. Published in full color, the projects offer irresistible fun, with step by step instructions that require minimum adult supervision.

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"The Complete Home Decorator"

By Stewart and Sally Walton
Hermes House

IF you're the type of reader who just loves rearranging the furniture and renovating the house, then this mammoth hardcover is for you. Granted, it's not the book to bring with you to the beach, but for people staying indoors for the next few months, it's just right. Authors Stewart and Sally Walton have compiled—in full-color—over 200 interior design projects that can be done individually, from curtains to chairs. The instructions are clear and the step-by-step photos truly helpful. It is doubtful that anyone can do everything in the book in one summer, but this handsome tome surely contains a project or two that's perfect for you and your home. If you want just one book to provide creative home decorating ideas years after this summer, you can't do better than "The Complete Home Decorator."

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"Dot.Bomb: My Days and Nights at an Internet Goliath"

By David Kuo
Little, Brown & Company

EX-JOURNALIST Kuo captures perfectly the breathless rise and fall of America's biggest Internet white elephant, Value America, in this entertaining and fast-paced book. "Dot.Bomb" runs at the same hyperventilating pace as the events behind the high-profile dot bomb. Though sympathetic to the fallen company he used to work for, Kuo's portrait of VA founder Craig Winn—relentless, gifted but also somewhat isolated—is a fitting testament to the high-stakes poker game that is the InfoTech sweepstakes. All the jargon and the get-rich quick vibes are here, as well as the recriminations that come after everything has come to pass. Yet readers will understand why, despite the obvious signs, Kuo refuses to think that the whole thing has gone terribly wrong until it's too late. That alone is proof enough of just how close to home "Dot.Bomb" comes to chronicling the roller coaster ride of every hopeful startup that has gone into fatal systems shutdown.

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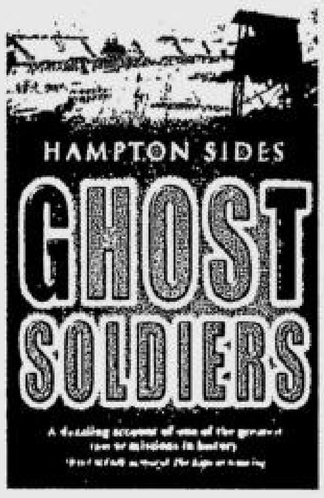
"Ghost Soldiers"

By Hampton Sides
Little, Brown & Company



PUBLISHED shortly before the 60th commemoration of the infamous Bataan Death March, "Ghost Soldiers" is the best possible book for those who really want to know what it was like for the American and Filipino soldiers who suffered at the hands of the Japanese military. The terrifying opening scene, where about 150 soldiers are burned to death in a Palawan camp, will haunt readers' memories. And that's just the beginning. The prisoners' day-to-day ordeal is reconstructed vividly, enumerating the diseases, maltreatment and mental anguish. The cavalry does come three years into the captivity, and what follows is a good old-fashioned war adventure, but one that's completely for real. At times thrilling, at other times heartbreaking, "Ghost Soldiers" is a masterful tribute to all the fighting men of the Second World War.

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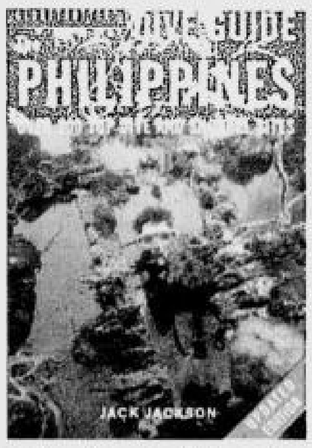
"Globetrotter Dive Guide: The Philippines"

By Jack Jackson
New Holland



THE LAYOUT of this excellent book can be a bit daunting at first skim, because it's absolutely packed with information. There are introductions to each region, boxed tidbits on everything from typhoons to Tubbataha, and short "digressions" on sharks, dugong or corals. Most helpful is every region's directory page on getting there, where to stay and eat, who to dive with, emergency numbers and all the websites you need. For divers, the "how to use this book" section helps you through concise descriptions, a dive site star rating system, dive site maps and accessibility guides. Author Jack Jackson, a veteran diver and underwater photographer and author of award-winning dive guides, was even considerate enough to put figures in both feet and meters for average and maximum depths – essential info for bona-fide water babies. Other than prices (which would date the book anyway), all you need is water.

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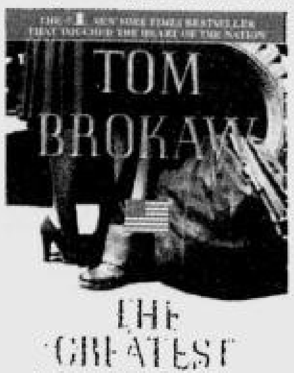
"The Greatest Generation"

By Tom Brokaw
Dell Books



THAT the author did not succumb to the temptation of focusing mainly on the heroes and heroics of World War II makes this book an extraordinary tribute to what everyone is capable of, given the circumstances. "The world we know today was shaped not just on the front lines of combat," writes Brokaw, who recounts the war stories of a generation that gave new meaning to courage, duty, sacrifice and honor, from generals to medical volunteers to teenagers barely out of high school. Millions of ordinary men and women had their "rendezvous with destiny" and went on to transform themselves and their country, Brokaw adds. Some of them even became US Presidents (George Bush, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford). Equally prominent are women activist Gen. Jeanne Holm, humor columnist Art Buchwald, editor Ben Bradlee of The Washington Post, and TV chef Julia Child. But while the book is largely laudatory in extolling collective and individual resistance to tyranny, it documents as well the excesses generated by wartime fears and hysteria. Still, shameful lapses serve to highlight the triumph of the human spirit against adversity, and make the book a truly uplifting read.

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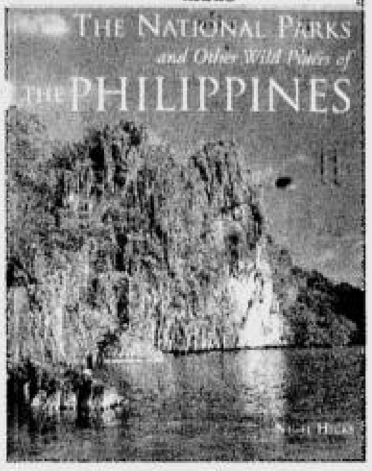
"The National Parks and Other Wild Places of the Philippines"

By Nigel Hicks
New Holland



THE SHEER beauty of the places described in this big, fine book lifts the spirit – which comes crashing back down when you realize that people and politicos probably don't give a hoot what a "national park" really is, and once again, it takes a foreigner like Britain-based writer and photographer Nigel Hicks to do the job for us. That said, this is a book every Filipino can learn from, tracing in engaging prose and good pictures the path to wild and wonderful places near and far. That's from the Subic Watershed and Reserve Forest, two hours from Manila, to the Batanes Islands Protected Landscapes and Seascapes up north and the Tubbataha National Marine Park down south. Information on location, climate, permits, facilities and equipment to bring is summarized at the beginning of each section, and the pictures just fill the reader with a longing to get there. In fact, that's what every self-respecting Pinoy with the resources should do – go through every place in this book before even thinking about the Grand Canyon.

ABH

"The Singapore Story: Memoirs of Lee Kuan Yew"

Prentice Hall

The Singapore Story
Memoirs of LEE KUAN YEW

"BETWEEN my father and my grandfather, there was no question as to whom I admired more…My father was just a rich man's son, with little to show for himself." Thus writes the Singapore Strongman about one aspect of his youth, flatly refusing to wax sentimental. For any other national leader to equate his life with the life of the motherland – he segues smoothly from the personal to the national – would reek of megalomania, but in Lee Kuan Yew's case, nobody's complaining. Some might find this first volume of Lee's memoirs, which begins with his childhood and ends with the separation of Singapore from Malaysia in 1965, just about as sterile and straightforward as the island nation itself. Even his choice of a wife was made only after "a growing attachment," and his victory as Prime Minister of Singapore in 1959, at the age of 35, is tempered with self-doubt. For the average reader, though, the same dispassionate style also gives the storyteller a credibility that only the biased or the better informed would question. Read this hefty 680-page tome if you're truly into politics, in which case you'll have the next volume on Lee's nation building in the '90s to look forward to.

ABH

"The Ultimate Guide to Mountain Biking"

By Steve Geall and Robin Kitchin
The Lyons Press, New York

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO
MOUNTAIN BIKING

NINE times out of ten, first-time cyclists choose mountain bikes over road bikes. Apart from their sturdiness and ability to roll over ruts and potholes without undue wear and tear on the rider, mountain bikes can be street cruisers, off-road explorers or downhill racers. But the uninitiated would do well to check out "The Ultimate Guide to Mountain Biking" before parting with their money at the bike shop. Apart from offering useful tips on choosing a bike, this primer also gives advice on learning the basic bike handling skills, such as going uphill, cornering, going downhill and "catching air" (i.e., jumping on a bike.) This is far from an "ultimate" guide, though. More experienced cyclists should probably look elsewhere for more advanced technical skills. It also lacks a chapter on basic bike repair. At the very least, every cyclist should be able to fix a flat.

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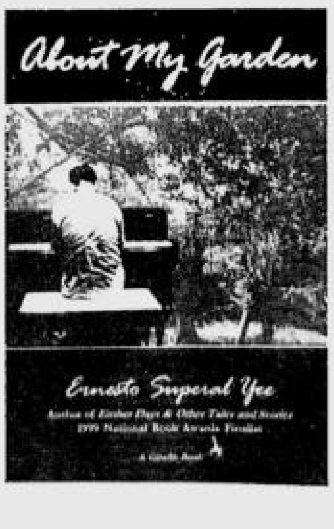
Fiction & Literature

"About my Garden: The Poems of Ernesto Superal Yee"

By Ernesto Superal Yee
Giraffe Books



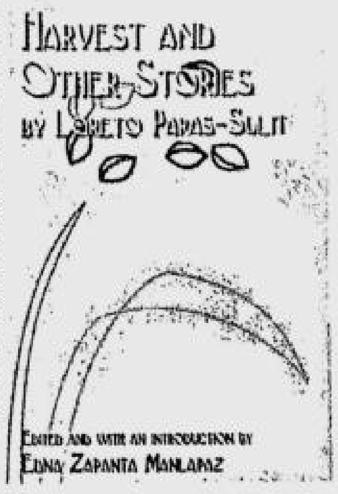
ASIDE from being a writer, Ernesto Yee is also an accomplished pianist. That would explain the inherent musicality present in the 30 poems that make up "About My Garden," Yee's second collection of poems. These melodic poems contain thoughtful ruminations on the most minute of details, from the status of a familiar flower to the trail left behind by cups of hot chocolate. It's quite a treat, reading these full-bodied but compact poems, especially the titular poem, a sweet, sweeping reflection on memory and names. From the personal to the cosmic, Yee ponders the way things are versus the way they appear in graceful verses. "About My Garden" is the perfect book to read when you're reflective and the sun becomes shy on a rare, cool summer afternoon.

RSDV

"Harvest and Other Stories"

By Loreto Paras-Sulit
De La Salle University Press

REMEMBER "Laarni, A Dream"? That story, a staple of Gr. 6 reading classes, made Laarni a popular baptismal name in the late '60s. "I think the story struck students at the right romantic age," says the author modestly of the story's huge success. Paras-Sulit's other stories may not be as well known, but several have been included among the country's best short stories in several anthologies. While their language might seem too flowery and a tad sentimental by today's spare standards, the stories have strong storylines that revolve around timeless themes such as love, betrayal, family honor and sacrifice. The title story can definitely hold its own against today's fast-paced fiction. Reading the book is like watching a period movie like "Gladiator": lots of fancy-sounding dialogue, strange costumes and rituals, and enough details to cause a sensation overload. In the end, and despite our initial resistance, we are sucked in by the spectacle and wind up skimming through the thorny language to get to the heart of the plot. **PAC**



"Morpo: Mga Pagsasanay Sa Tula"

By Allan Popa
Collective Axis

"Morpo" is an impressive follow-up to 2000's *"Hunos,"* Popa's first book. The same spare, graceful lines and the same playful yet always thoughtful and deeply analytical perspective are also on display in the 50 new Filipino poems that populate this book. Popa is unafraid to shift between poetic bases, rendering all that he sees with just the right amount of sentimentality, particularly in the poem "Eros (Kundiman)." These delightful poems are clear proof that Popa is one of our most talented young writers today. **RSDV**

"Suite Bergamasque: The Boulevard Stories of Bobby Flores-Villasis"

By Bobby Flores-Villasis
Giraffe Books

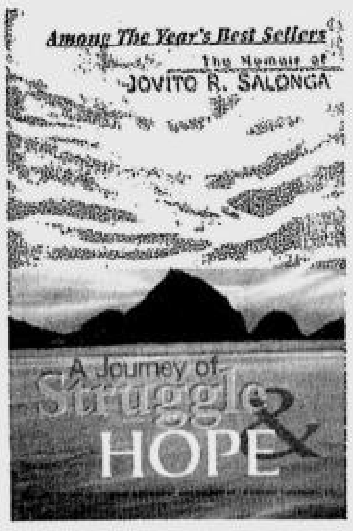
THESE seven short stories by Bobby Flores-Villasis are called "boulevard stories" because they all focus on characters inhabiting an area in and around a seafront walk. The stories stand by themselves, but also take on a nostalgic, intertwining quality between them. Taking on various personalities for protagonists, Flores-Villasis creates stories that are, in effect, set pieces for drama in a setting that defies time itself. Flores-Villasis allows his characters to move back and forth and speak on the page with a confident poise and a good sense of atmosphere. The stories in "Suite Bergamasque" are full-bodied and filling, to be enjoyed at amber sunset with a good glass of the scotch favored by the character Menandro. **RSDV**

Non-Fiction

"A Journey of Struggle & Hope: The Memoir of Jovito R. Salonga"

By Jovito R. Salonga
UP Center for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy/ Regina Publishing Co.

JOVITO Salonga is living one of the fullest lives in Philippine political history, and that entire range of experiences can be taken in by reading "A Journey of Struggle & Hope," Salonga's memoir. The book races through Salonga's pre-political life, but then becomes a truly engrossing study of the Filipino as statesman. From his initiation into the political arena to his memorable stint as Senate President, Salonga remembers with a sharp eye and reflects with an active mind on every event. There is a particularly detailed discussion of Martial law and the happenings after Salonga is almost killed in the Plaza Miranda bombing. This journey is a journey through our own recent political history, and there are lessons to be learned, about corruption and integrity, respect and resilience. It is a remarkable life recalled in "A Journey of Struggle & Hope," and when the book ends with the Senate, under Salonga's leadership, voting against the American bases, readers will feel like applauding. **RSDV**



"Baking Made EC: 70 Family Recipes"

By Eufemia C. Estrada
Anvil Publishing, Inc.

WHAT began ostensibly as a follow-up to her earlier book *"Kusina ni EC"* has blossomed into a book with treasured baking recipes from INQUIRER contributor Eufemia Estrada. The book contains 70 compact recipes that Estrada has gathered through the years. If your idea for the perfect summer is to be holed up in the kitchen, creating wonderful desserts that fill the air with an irresistible aroma, then this book would be a good companion. A cookbook definitely for those with a sweet tooth (though it also has recipes for dishes like pizza), "Baking Made EC" is a reader-friendly compilation of stuff you and your guests just won't be able to say no to. **RSDV**

BAKING MADE EC
70
family favorites
EUFEMIA L. ESTRADA

"Double Life Sentence"

By E.B. Misa Jr.
Easterworks Publishing House

A TRULY unique story of the life of Eriberto Misa and Eriberto Misa Jr., both of whom served as Director of the Bureau of Prisons. It was the elder Misa who asked that one of his sons follow his footsteps, and the younger Misa did just that, eschewing a business career to eventually occupy the same post as his father. A story that begins in 1849 follows the elder Misa's handling of the Bilibid Prison during the Occupation and ends with the younger Misa stepping down from his, and his father's post, at long last. A very personal and opinionated but interesting memoir of a family with a unique tradition passed down between generations, "Double Life Sentence" shows the many strange twists that lives can take. **RSDV**

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"Cabinet of Wonders (and Other Laguna Stories)"

By Anita Feleo & David Sheniak
Anvil Publishing, Inc.

WHAT better way to convince readers about the wonders of this "lush and lovely land" than for the authors to pull up roots from the city and resettle here? Self-confessed city folk Feleo and Sheniak lived in New York and made Manila their home for nine years, but a visit to Laguna resulted in "love at first sight," they write. Indeed, this collection of travel essays on Laguna is a loving and lingering look at what has been collectively described as a resort town. But there's more to Laguna than the hot springs of Pansol or Los Baños, the legend of Maria Makiling, the shrines of Jose and Paciano Rizal, the woodcarvings of Paete or the ambrosial goodness of buko pie. In a tone alternately breezy, intimate and tongue in cheek, the authors take readers on an exhaustive tour of their adopted hometown. And just to round off this armchair tour, Feleo and Sheniak include a delightful chapter on Laguna's culinary treats, from *bulalo* to *kesong puti*, that should leave the readers literally drooling and hungry for more of what the province has to offer. **PAC**

"Into the Mountain: Hostaged by the Abu Sayyaf"

By Jose Torres Jr.
Claretian Publications

IF you think you know everything there is about the infamous Abu Sayyaf Group, then Torres' chronicle "Into The Mountain" will make a worthy addition to your knowledge. The book marks the beginning of the ASG's more recent kidnapping spree, when the bandits swooped into Basilan and spirited away 23 teachers and 30 students in March 2000. With a journalist's eye, Torres recounts the victims' experience in captivity in straightforward prose, weaving together a tapestry of courage and resilience. Whether it is contemplating Abu Sabaya and the other bandits or worrying about the victims, the book stays focused on the entire experience. With vivid and harrowing detail, the book braces itself for the tragic death of Fr. Rhoel Gallardo and three teachers, but does not forget to celebrate the survival of the others. Just like us, the people who survived the events in "Into The Mountain" continue to make sense of all that has happened. **RSDV**

"*Lugar*: Essays on Philippine Heritage & Architecture"

By Augusto F. Villalon
The Bookmark, Inc.

"READING through the layers of retouching which was done to our structures, urbanscapes, and landscapes brings the original story back to the surface, showing where we began, where we have been, and where we are headed." So writes erstwhile INQUIRER columnist and noted conservation advocate Villalon in *"Lugar."* Villalon has combined various writings to present, through archival photography and the gorgeous art of Ferdinand Doctolero, just how priceless our architectural treasures are. More than just a discussion of the styles present in our midst, the book summons a seductive appreciation for everyday surroundings. Yet it is not nostalgia that Villalon wants to inspire when he takes readers on lovely trips back through time, but vigilance against all-consuming urban development. Villalon reminds us of what is not just beautiful and in danger, but of what is important and timeless. **RSDV**

"Street-Bound: Manila on Foot"

By Josefina P. Manahan
Anvil Publishing, Inc.

THIS compact little book is not as scientific as your typical tourist guidebook. Joanne de Leon's illustrations are idealized, and some readers looking for straightforward guidance may not appreciate the author's editorializing about vendors under the Quiapo Bridge. But by and large, this beats any other publication on walking that we've seen. The author covers everything from Intramuros to the Greenhills *tiangge*, although the fact that she gives directions on getting there only from Quiapo is a puzzle; for many, Quiapo ceased to be the center of the city long ago, and there aren't any tourist bases thereabouts, either. There are helpful phone numbers, a small glossary, and easy-to-read guides. Manahan does present her caveat on "tropical heat, dust and monoxide fumes, pickpockets, missing manhole covers, berserk drivers and occasional canines" early on, as written by Jaime Laya in his foreword. (You forgot missing street signs and unsightly diggings, sir.) But with the traffic, it really is easier sometimes to just walk around this city—and the hazards are part of the fun, which this book certainly captures. **ABH**

"To Suffer Thy Comrades"

By Robert Francis Garcia
Anvil Publishing, Inc.

IN THE 1980s, a kind of madness gripped the underground communist movement in the Philippines. Convinced that the military had planted spies in their midst – deep-penetration agents or DPAs – the movement initiated a purge of its ranks that quickly spun out of control. In a grotesque mirror image of the anti-communist witch hunts of the 1950s, hundreds of cadres and activists were accused of being military agents, tortured and, in many cases, executed. By the time the madness had spent itself, as many as 900 lay buried in "killing fields." "To Suffer Thy Comrades" is the first published account of the purges from the inside; the author is a survivor of Oplan Missing Link, the code name for the purge in the Southern Tagalog region. The book is divided into two sections. The first is a chilling account of the author's experience. The second is an attempt to explain how the purges came to be. While the author takes pains to keep his tone restrained, his story – and the stories of other survivors he interviews – remains gripping nonetheless. **ESC**

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THE FALL OF JOSEPH ESTRADA

BETWEEN FIRES

The popular uprising called "Edsa 2" transfixed the nation and caught the world's attention as the administration of Philippine President Joseph Ejercito Estrada ended in a firestorm of marches and mayhem. Now, Amando Doronila, one of the country's most respected journalistic minds, and the country's most awarded newspaper, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, present two books that give you all you need to know about "Edsa 2."

Edsa 2 revealed.

The Fall of Joseph Estrada is the fascinating definitive inside story behind what really happened during those fiery days that changed a nation's destiny. Using the most accurate and exclusive sources and revelations from key players, this book brings us behind the scenes of this important event that saw the removal of Joseph Estrada from power and saw Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo rise to the country's highest office.

Between Fires features 15 different ways of looking at the causes, effects and legacy of the turbulent Estrada years. Spanning the spectrum from economics to politics to the streets themselves, these essays together form an illuminating, exhaustive look at this controversial administration.

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Celebrities
By Joy Rojas

From the Heart

JOHNNY VILLENA

Celebrated stage actor Cocoy Laurel sings praises for TV soaps, his borrowed talent, and a truly privileged life

WHEN your resumé reads like Victor "Cocoy" Laurel's, you definitely have it made. Highlights of a career that seems to go on forever include a 1971 Famas best musical score award for *"Uliran"*; 15 film credits marked by his screen debut with superstar Nora Aunor and the pre-"Miami Vice" Don Johnson in "Lollipops & Roses"; three albums; two solo concerts; and plum theater assignments in "Evita," "The Elephant Man," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Camelot," "Les Miserables," and most notably "Miss Saigon," where his role as the Engineer left crowds and critics breathless in Sydney, Australia.

"Cocoy Laurel is rich in subversive charm," wrote James Waites in The Sydney Morning Herald. "If anybody stole the show, it was Cocoy Laurel," affirmed the Review's Marjory Bennett. "His American Dream scene...was the high point in this Cameron Mackintosh production." Mackintosh himself has expressed awe in a letter to the actor's parents, former Vice Pesident Salvador Laurel and his stage actress-wife Celia. "I'm sure you are as proud of your son as I am," he wrote. "His talent is matched by his delightful nature and I'm very happy to be his friend."

Ironically, if there's anyone who's unaware of Cocoy's achievements or his celebrity for that matter, it's Cocoy himself. Despite his decades in show business, the actor—down-to-earth and a dead-ringer for John Travolta from certain angles—remains as starstruck as any of his loyal fans. A teleseries fan, he recently chanced upon *"Pangako Sa 'Yo"* mainstay Tonton Gutierrez at Inday Badiday's radio program. "I couldn't let the moment pass," he enthuses. "I just had to say, *'Tagahanga ako, ha? Nanonood ako!'*" But the biggest thrill yet was when Gutierrez, an acquaintance since the two guested on Aunor's "Superstar" show, reciprocated with a warm greeting. "Wow," marvels Cocoy. "He remembered me!"

Not that he's easy to forget. To this day, Nora-Cocoy fans never fail to visit him on his March birthday, a gesture which the actor describes as "overwhelming. They're God's angels," he smiles. "They're the ones who supported me from the very beginning."

"Journey of the Heart," a one-night-only concert on April 26 at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City, is Cocoy's way of giving thanks, not just to the people who have stood by his side through the years, but to the Ultimate Source of his staying power. "This is my payback time," explains Cocoy, who is also set to release a new album. "The voice I have is 'on loan' and I feel very privileged, honored and happy that it was lent to me." Since songs make up such a huge part of his life (the actor was once a special student in music composition at the Juilliard School of Music), the show boasts an extensive repertoire. There's a Beatles' tribute, some Cole Porter, a disco medley, select OPMs, and "La Vie En Rose," an anthem of sorts requested by audiences all over the world. "These are songs that really mean a lot to me," says Cocoy. "They're cornerstones in my life." More than memories, however, songs to this sensitive performer stand for love, an element he feels the world needs most in these trying times. "It's the greatest commandment," he muses, "and yet the war and violence today are so against it! Music is a very powerful instrument and I'd like to use it as a vehicle to release good energy and counter all the anger and the hate. I don't know how things work in the universe, but this is my little contribution, and I know this just won't be any other concert for me."

Contrary to popular belief, it was not the immortal "Lollipops & Roses" that launched Cocoy's showbiz career, but his win in Paramount Pictures' nationwide search for "Romeo & Juliet of the Philippines," a 1967 contest inspired by the Franco Zeffirelli film. Shy as he was, the 15-year-old La Sallite from Greenhills tapped a Filipina-German *Assumptionista* to be his Juliet (the title eventually went to Loris Key) and had his mom direct them "every single day in the garden with all the mosquitoes! I don't know if they had mosquitoes in Verona, but if love is your motivation, you won't feel them!" laughs Cocoy whose triumph landed him a pivotal guest spot on the late Elvira Manahan's "Two for the Road." Director Cirio Santiago remembered him from that stint and cast him opposite Aunor and Johnson in the film that was shot in the US. "Lollipops" became a box office smash, and 19-year-old Cocoy suddenly became a star.

Accolades were also in order when he took to the stage. For Cocoy, a graduate of New York's American Academy of Dramatic Arts and a regular at Repertory Philippines, no part was too small for a worthy performance; he prepared thoroughly for his walk-ons as he would for his lead roles. Although intimidated at first by Zenaida Amador's legendary terror approach, Cocoy eventually saw the sense behind it. "Whenever she blew her top, it was always for a reason," he says. "Looking back, I realized that she did it because she loved the craft and wanted everyone to feel the same way. That's where I learned that the show is the thing. It prepared me well."

Indeed, when auditions were on for "Miss Saigon," Cocoy was among the handful of actors included in the prestigious production. "Beautiful!" proclaimed Mackintosh. "I'll make a song-and-dance man of you yet!" Originally assigned to play the Assistant Commissar, Cocoy took on the role of the Engineer, first in London, and later in Mackintosh's highly successful Sydney, Australia staging of "Saigon" in the mid '90s.

Despite the standing ovation and thunderous applause in Australia, (*"parang* Michael Jackson!" whispered fellow "Saigon" star Joanna Ampil), "Saigon" also turned out to be a humbling experience for the seasoned actor. "I really feel that I still have much to learn," reflects Cocoy. "The more my life unfolds, the more I realize that everything's part of God's plan. And I want to be in His design, not my own."

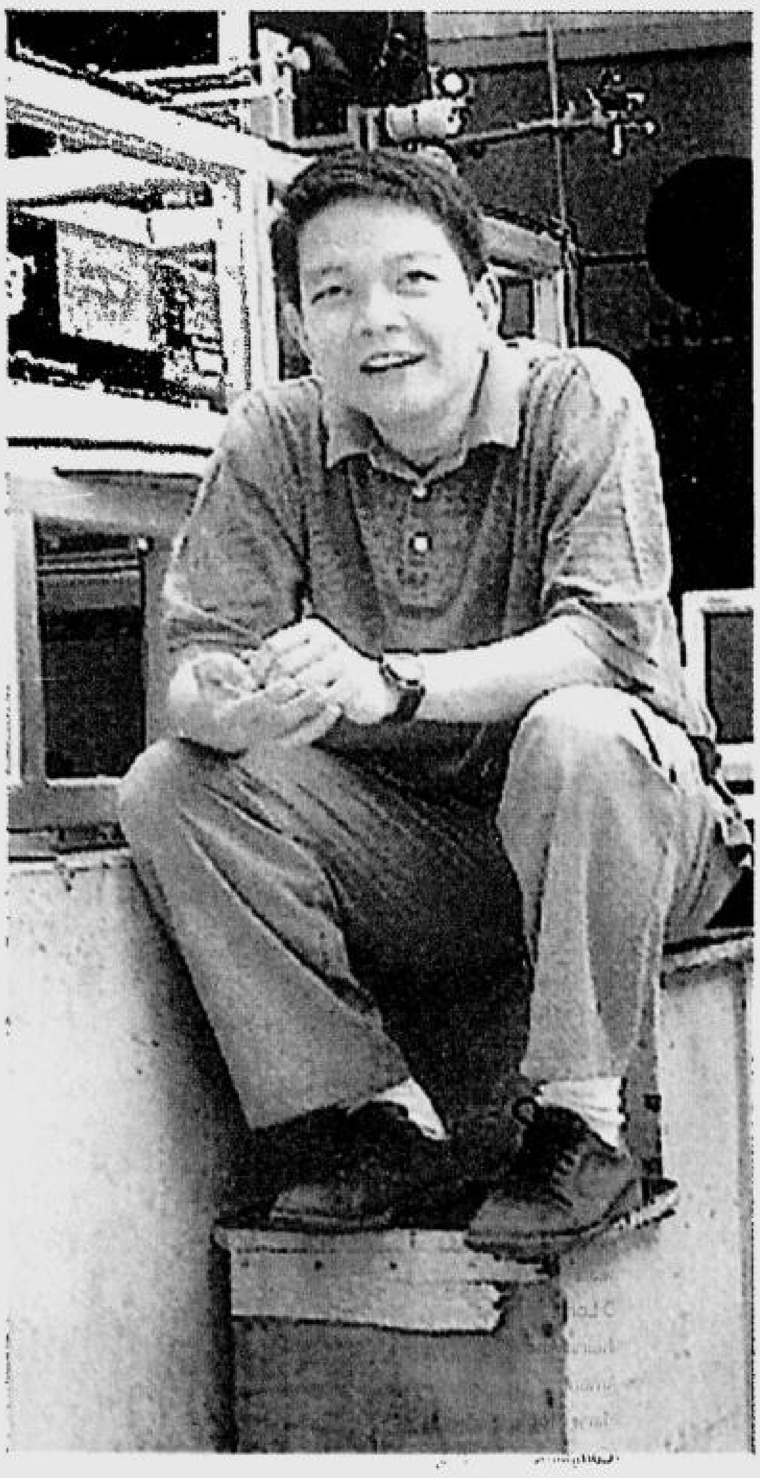
Thus far, God's plan for Cocoy's privileged life includes being born third in a family of four talented brothers and sisters. "Everyone paints and sings," he says proudly of his siblings—among them, the singer Iwi, and Christopher, who, years before that near-fatal accident when a wall came crashing down on him, sang at his *kuya*'s first concert in the Meralco Theater. Though equally exposed to the Laurel's other passion—politics—Cocoy chose to focus his attention on the arts. Free time, therefore, will find him catching up on his commissioned portraits; because of his impossible schedule, the realist (whose mediums are oil and pastel) has a backlog that dates way before his "Saigon" days. "I have so many *utang*!" he laments of his unfinished artworks. "But I cannot in my frame of mind and heart do a rush job."

The same may be said of his personal life. Marriage and kids of his own will follow "if it's God's will," he says. "I don't know what He wants for me, but whenever I pray, I say, 'Whatever you've done for me, I'm so happy and I wouldn't want it any other way.'"

People for the Planet
By Jill M. Saldaña

In the Hot

Jose T. Villarin, Jesuit and atmosphere scientist, takes on the burning issues of global warming and climate change – and what we can do in our backyard to help avert disaster



PICTURE this: Polar ice caps melting, sea levels rising, rain falling where it shouldn't. Coastal areas will be destroyed. Island states like Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati will disappear, while the Philippines will be down to 2,000 islands. The heat wave would kill off animals, plants and people who can't afford air-conditioning. Drought in places needing water, like rice fields, would mean we'd have to eat *adobo* with bread or worse, we'd have to endure famine.

This is not another sci-fi scenario. These are the possible effects of global warming. "The weather is slowly but surely getting out of control. Already the effects are being felt," says Jose T. Villarin, S.J., atmosphere scientist and assistant professor of physics at the Ateneo de Manila University.

"Pollution from fossil fuels is the main culprit. UN scientists have confirmed this link, and the urgency of the threat of climate change. We must break our dependency on oil, because it's going to get worse." Villarin knows whereof he speaks. He is a member of the expert review team (ERT) of the UN on climate and head of the climate studies division of the Manila Observatory.

When he's not giving students sleepless nights weaving scenarios on the effects of global warming, he's busy studying the atmosphere with the Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging). The Lidar shoots a laser into the atmosphere so he could measure all sorts of things, including pollutants and dust. "Right now, I am studying the transport of pollutants in the first kilometer of the atmosphere and how they are dispersed," he says.

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Shepherding Our Shepherds

Like all human beings, we priests also need to be understood when we get tired, angry and depressed in our pastoral work. We, your shepherds, need you to inspire and shepherd us gently back to our resolve to remain faithful to the ordination vows we made

ONCE when you felt down and out, did you also feel you needed a shepherd who could stay with you and listen to your pain? Did you seek out a pastor (a priest or a minister) to accompany you in your darkness—to pray with you and to touch you where it hurts most, to listen to you without interrupting, without judging, without probing and without sermonizing?

For 43 years as a priest, I have encountered all kinds of hurting people who came with their felt needs asking to be accompanied in their hour of anguish: separated or divorced spouses, teenaged children abandoned by their parents, confused homosexuals, defrocked priests and "de-cloistered" nuns, retired and aging parents abandoned by their married children, retired and aging priests apparently ignored by their superiors, migrant street youths who feel displaced in the city.

We priests, besides being called to the conventional ministry of building churches, administering parishes, presiding over the usual ceremonies of the church, organizing fund-raising activities, preaching to varied congregations, must also respond to the ministry of listening and one-on-one shepherding of lost and distressed individuals. Which can become an agonizing and tedious ritual indeed to a point where the poor shepherd himself would feel the need to be shepherded back to sanity.

We, pastors and priests, are not complaining. Like all human beings, however, we too need to be understood when we get tired, angry and depressed in our pastoral work. Like the rest, we too need shepherds who are willing to waste time listening to our stories of boredom, self-doubt and frustration. We need you when we feel down and out, alone and criticized for our senility and weariness and for being obnoxious sometimes. We, your shepherds, need you to inspire and shepherd us gently back to our resolve to remain faithful to the ordination vows we made.

We, your pastors, are not always right. We can make the nastiest mistakes, yes, but neither are we always wrong. The following "reflection-teaser"— "The Priest Is Always Wrong?"— is a hilarious statement on every priest's vulnerability and also an implicit affirmation of his solidarity with the human race, a possible source both of his holiness and vindication.

The Priest Is Always Wrong?

If he is preaching longer than
twenty minutes, he makes the
people stay away from
the Church;

If he preaches less than ten
minutes, he did not prepare
his sermon.

If his voice is strong during the
sermon, he is shouting!

If his voice has the normal
strength, people do not
understand what he is
preaching about.

If he owns a car,
he is worldly;

If he does not own one,
he does not go with
the times.

If he goes out to visit
families, he is never at home;

If he does not visit them, he
does not care for his
parishioners.

If he is asking contributions,
he is after money;

If he does not do it, he is
too proud for that.

If he takes his time in the confessional, he
is too slow;

If he makes it faster, he has no time for
his penitents.

If he begins his Mass on time,
his watch is advanced;

If he begins it a minute
or two later, he keeps
the people waiting.

If he renovates his Church,
he throws away the money;

If he does not do it, he allows
everything to rot away.

If he focuses his ministry on women,
he is flirting.

If he focuses on men,
he is gay.

If he spends time with children,
he might be a pedophile

If he warms up to old women,
he must be missing his mama.

If he distances himself from all of them,
he has a heart of stone.

If he is young, he has
no experience;

If he is old,
he should retire.

As long as he lives,
there are always people
who know better;

If he dies, there is nobody to
take his place.

Dear people of God,
What do you say?

(Published anonymously for the Diocese Youth Commission, diocese of Kabangkalan on the occasion of NCYM and NYCC '94, Roxas City, Capiz)

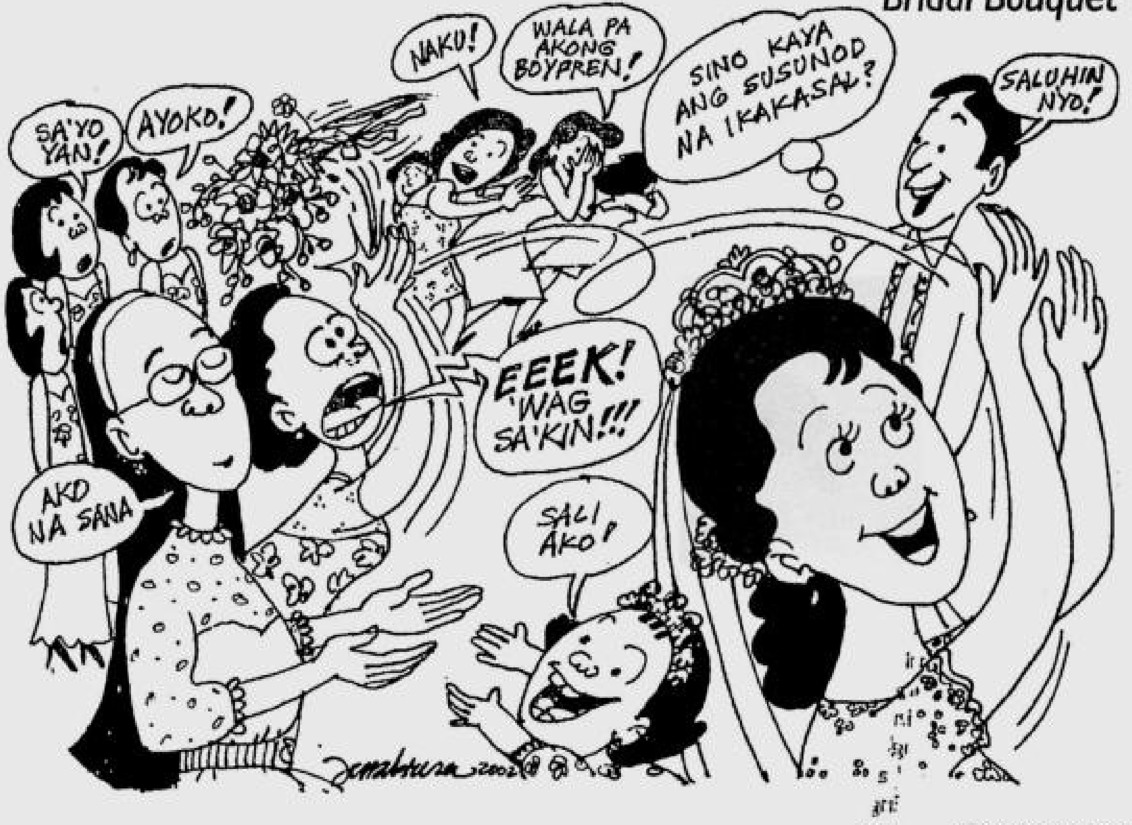
Prayer For Our Priests

Lord Jesus, more than anybody, You love your Priests.
We lift them up to You, because we know that in their closeness to You, their hearts shall be molded into Yours.
Make Your heart the pattern of theirs. Set them aflame with fire for love of souls.
Transform them into hardened bronze for chastity. But melt them with compassion for the penitent and the needy. Give them the heart of a tireless hound to bless, to teach and pardon.
Let Your burning love draw more men to take upon themselves the pattern of Your heart that they may share this love of Your heart to those they minister.
O Lord, that they may live the life You want to share with them. What a life! Let it be theirs. And through them it shall be ours also.
Amen.
Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us.
(Compliments of the Special Prayer Ministry for Priests and Evangelization)

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Bridal Bouquet


SA'YO YAN!
AYOKO!
NAKU!
WALA PA AKONG BOYPREN!
SINO KAYA ANG SUSUNOD NA IKAKASAL?
SALUHIN NYO!
EEEK! 'WAG SA'KIN!!!
AKO NA SANA
SALI AKO!
Jess Abrera 2002

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What's the most polluted part of Manila? "The inner cities and anywhere near EDSA," he says.

Villarin is from Samar, the only son of four children of a government employee mother and an accountant father. "When I was a child, my father gave me a light bulb attached to a wire and which ran on a battery. I was fascinated with it," he recalls. And while the other kids played with marbles or Voltes V, Villarin's prized possession was a microscope. "I was a real nerdy kid. My father wanted me to be a doctor or an engineer."

Instead, he took up physics at the Ateneo, joined the Jesuit Volunteer Program after college, joined the Jesuits after JVP, and after 10 years of priestly training, took his masters degree in physics at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia, followed by a Ph. D. in atmospheric physics. When he turned 38, he was finally done with school, so he came home. That was five years ago.

"When I got back, my former classmates were playing golf, some were in semi-retirement," observes the boyish-looking weatherman, "and there I was just starting to work."

What exactly does he do?

"I am not a weatherman like Amado Pineda. I don't predict what the weather will be like tomorrow. Instead I simulate the atmosphere through computer modeling."

How does one simulate clouds, wind and rain? "I run a model in the computer. Using equations, I assign values, the computer does the math, and provides scientific information on climate change."

Part of his work is making people aware of global warming or the greenhouse effect and that infamous hole in the ozone.

Studies show that carbon dioxide or CO_2, is regarded as the major greenhouse gas contributing to global warming and climate change. How do we arrest the trend? There is the Kyoto Protocol, which Villarin is very much involved in. In fact, he just arrived from Athens, Greece, working out the technical aspects in preparation for its ratification before yearend.

"The Kyoto Protocol is the only international treaty that protects the climate and the first legally binding treaty aimed at cutting emissions of the greenhouse gases believed to contribute to global warming. More than 150 nations signed it back in December 1997 at a meeting in Kyoto," Villarin explains.

Under the terms of the protocol, industrialized nations have committed themselves to a range of targets to reduce emissions between 1990, the base year, and 2010. The next step is the ratification of the treaty in national legislatures. Only when the great majority of industrial nations have ratified it will the protocol become legal. Many countries, including the European Union, have promised to do this by August 2002.

Last year, US President George W. Bush rejected the Kyoto Protocol as "fatally flawed," leaving the treaty and humanity teetering on the brink of catastrophe. It was payback time for Bush's corporate sponsors like Esso, Texaco, Chevron and the coal industry. With the Europeans and most of the rest of the world on one side, and the US, Australia and Canada on the other, the spotlight is now on Japan. The Kyoto Protocol can be brought into force without the United States, but only if Japan agrees to go ahead.

In the long term, there is no question that CO_2 is the big issue. Countries will have to find more ways of producing energy without burning fossil fuels. "Governments should look into renewable and zero carbon technology as sources of energy like solar power, biomass, wind and water." What can we do on the personal level? "Reduce, reuse and recycle."

Villarin adds another verb: Disengage. "We can limit our use of appliances that burn fuel like cars and air-conditioners. We can disengage. We can take stock of the number of appliances in our homes, and as the Kyoto Protocol exhorts, resolve to decrease the use of these appliances by say, 10 percent," he says.

This summer, there are many natural ways to cool off without burning fuel. Open a window, take a walk, and instead of watching TV in your aircon room, go out there and talk about the weather. Q

Jose T. Villarin, S.J., is one of the speakers in the conference "Science and Religion: Friends or Foes in the Task of Integral Development," which will be held on April 22 to 26 at the East Asian Pastoral Institute at the Ateneo de Manila University, Q.C. For more information on the conference, please call 426-59-01 or e-mail ryago@admu.edu.ph.

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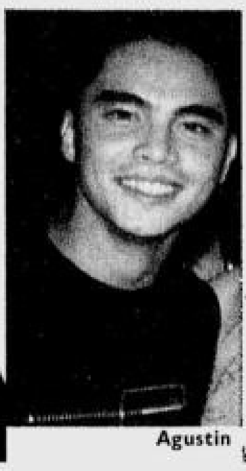
HIGH SCHOOL (YEAR 1 TO 4)

By Jerome Gomez

Survivor Reading

SIM poses the time-honored beauty contest question: What book would you bring to a desert island?

Aquino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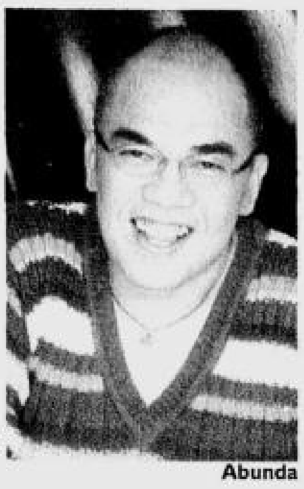

Abunda

ANGEL AQUINO, *model, actress and TV host*

This may sound corny, but I don't think I'll ever tire of reading "Conversations with God" by Neale Donald Walsch, the first book. And I'd probably wish I had brought "Like Water for Chocolate" (Laura Esquivel) so I won't forget love and humor.

MARVIN AGUSTIN, *actor*

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. Every time I read it I always discover new things about life.

RACHEL ALEJANDRO, *actress and singer*

The Vampire Chronicles of Anne Rice. I've always been fascinated with the supernatural and the whole idea of immortality. And the Bible. God's word will be my only comfort and companion in such an unfortunate event.

BOBBY GARCIA, *stage director*

A compilation of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. Because upon each reading there is always something new to discover about the many facets of human nature.

BELINDA PANELO, *veejay and actress*

"The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook" by Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht. One, it's funny, and two, it could prove to be quite handy.

LOURD ERNEST DE VEYRA, *Radioactive Sago Project*

"Ficciones" by Jorge Luis Borges. *Para magkasiraan na ng ulo. Magkamatayan na.* (So I'd go crazy and kill myself.)

FRANCO LAUREL, *singer*

I will bring the Bible. It is the source of my strength and inspiration. God's words are the source of my spiritual nutrition!

MYLENE DIZON, *actress*

"The Alchemist." Every time I read this book, I see something I never noticed before.

BOBBY YAN, *newscaster*

A book on how to get out of that desert island.

BOY ABUNDA, *TV host and talent manager*

"I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, because with Maya Angelou, life is worth living, be it on a deserted island or inside a bird cage. The book celebrates life and the joys and pains that go with it. It's a book that you can read over and over again until perhaps God or a kind stranger finds you on that deserted island alive, barely alive or about to start eternal life.

By Christine C. Rivero

Kid-ready Reading

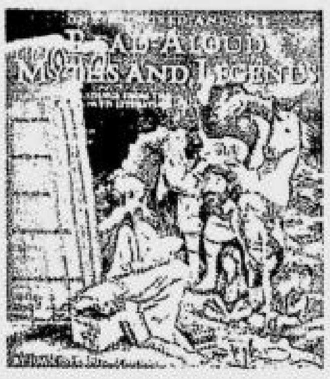
Keep the kids enthralled with these new books written especially for them

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"101 Read-Aloud Myths and Legends"

By Joan C. Verniero and Robin Fitzsimmons

Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers



THE COLLECTION recounts 101 tales about the gods, goddesses and heroes of ancient Greece, Rome, Ireland, Wales and Scandinavia. It includes a smattering of stories from Asian, African and Latin American cultures as well as one or two from Hawaii and the Native American tribes. Although each is intended as a five-to 10-minute read-aloud story, the text is sometimes unwieldy, lacking the smooth cadence of an ideal bedtime story. Just the same, "The 101 Myths and Legends" make for a great reference book.

"Artemis Fowl"

By Eoin Colfer

Viking

THEY don't make fairy tales like they used to. In the world of "Artemis Fowl," a leprechaun is really an officer of the Lower Elements Police assigned to Recon (LEPrecon, get it?)—the unit that tracks down rogue fairies, sprites or trolls. One such officer encounters 12-year-old boy-genius/criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl. What follows is a 21st-century story where fey and human alike clash head on, Hollywood slam-bang style with guns a-blazing and high tech gear a-whirring. One particularly violent scene might not sit well with some parents, nor perhaps another involving a graphic description of what comes out of a dwarf's rear end (it's not what you think, though.) Still a reader with an appetite for action, goons and gizmos might just find this book, and its incredible premise, vastly entertaining.

"The Firework-Maker's Daughter"

By Philip Pullman

Scholastic

The Firework-Maker's Daughter
Philip Pullman

ALL fireworks that explode and dazzle have their secrets, and so too do their makers. The secret to becoming a true firework-maker sends a young girl on a journey far from her home where, in the end, she will have to face Razvani, the Fire-Fiend of Mount Merapi. An unforgettable cast of characters that includes a talking white elephant, his wily caretaker and a bungling businessman makes this book, though short, even more enjoyable. Above all, it is the story of a father's love for his daughter.

"Midnight Magic"

By Avi

Scholastic

MISCHIEF. Plots aplenty! Murder. Amidst all this, a ghost haunts a princess. "Midnight Magic" is a suspenseful tale set in what appears to be a kingdom of Italy, at a time when people might have still believed in magicians and their magic. The protagonist, Fabrizio, is one such magician's servant, a mere boy who enjoys quoting aphorisms. The plot is tight and involving, its theme profound without being preachy. Just as Fabrizio must find his way through numberless unlit secret passageways, he must discern reality from illusion and decide quickly which of the two will solve the mystery before the kingdom, or yet another life, is lost.

"Skellig"

By David Almond

Yearling

MICHAEL is a 10-year-old English boy whose family has just moved to a new house. This new house comes with a "garage" that's really a storehouse on the brink of collapse. In there, however, he finds something—or someone—he cannot name. As the mystery unfolds, he meets Mina, a young girl who knows the works of William Blake by heart and swears she'll never go to school. Meanwhile, Michael's baby sister is dying. David Almond's award-winning prose is moody, often lyrical. His pacing is slow and deliberate. It is the kind of story that the most patient of readers will find rewarding, and where questions like "What are shoulder blades for?" reveal either another mystery, or a miracle.

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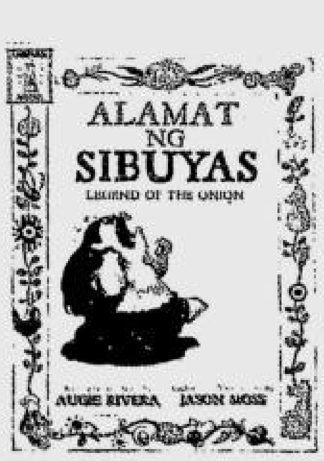
PHILIPPINE PUBLICATIONS

"Alamat ng Sibuyas"

By Augie Rivera, illustrated by Jason Moss

Lampara Books.



AS MUCH as onions make you cry, this story will make you laugh. Sibuyan, a spoiled little girl, cries whenever she wants to, and that's...all the time. Augie Rivera makes the reader aware of the many Filipino words we have for crying—*pag-atungal, ngumoyngoy, magalburoto, "nagmumukmok at ngangawa," "magmamaktol at hihiyaw,"* and there are still others. Jason Moss' illustrations depict a wacky humor of their own. A warning, though: this is the kind of story a child would enjoy hearing one bedtime after another.

"Bakit Matagal ang Sundo Ko?"

By Kristine Canon, illustrated by Mariano Ching

Adarna House

ANY child who has waited to be fetched will be able to relate to this story. A little girl's mommy is late and she ends up being the last one left at school. Her imagination kicks in and she sees her mom riding a turtle, an elephant, a whale just to get to her in time. Kristine Canon understands very well how children feel in this situation, at the same time she imbues her story with a reassuring voice that makes reading it equally fun and heart-warming.

"Inside Manila with Kids"

By Didith Tan Rodrigo, illustrated by Robert A. Alejandro

Tahanan Books

Inside Manila with Kids
by Didith Tan Rodrigo

FEELING adventurous? This is a book for parents who want to explore the city with their kids. The guide contains detailed descriptions and maps of all museums, public parks, malls and other attractions from Manila to Marikina. It provides the contact numbers of establishments mentioned as well as much appreciated evaluations of handicap access and restroom conditions. There are also numerous tips on how to make the prospect of bringing kids to the grayer non-airconditioned parts of the city a little less daunting. Having the book is, of course, no guarantee that everything will go well, but it could be a big help in planning something exciting and, in many ways, memorable.

"Mga Ako"

By Amalia Salamat

Adarna House

HE flunked the "Pisay" entrance test by one measly point, so right now, 13-year-old Nico goes to a regional science high school. He's an active staffer of an online magazine for young people. He likes sports and he's good at it. Girls like him. But does Nico like himself? Grand Prize winner of the 2001 Pilar Perez Medallion for Young Literature, *"Mga Ako"* is a novel about a teenager learning to define himself and the world he lives in. Written in the first person, the narrative is suited for readers who appreciate reading and writing journals. It's not an action-packed read but the questions it raises are pertinent. Young readers would benefit from pondering them.

"There's a *Duwende* in my Brother's Soup!"

By Lara Saguisag, illustrated by Marcus Nada

Lampara Books

IT'S a *duwende*, Ginny insists, that's making her brother strange. The *duwende* makes her brother mumble to himself. The *duwende* makes him stare at walls. The *duwende* makes him spin a green box over and over again. Ginny thinks the *duwende's* name is "Otisem." Lara Saguisag succeeds in capturing both the language and sentiments of a child only beginning to understand what it's like to have a sibling with autism. The narration of Ginny's change of heart toward her brother is touching, its lesson imparted subtly.

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